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Aftermath of Hurricane Irene darkens campus

By Melissa Roth
Editor-in-Chief

On Aug. 27, Hurricane Irene reached the Tri-state area, drenching all of New Jersey, New York, and most of Pennsylvania with her downpour of rain and pulling down trees with her vicious wind. However, Allentown and the College were not hit as hard as the rest of the state. Aside from the annual back-to-school barbecue being moved inside from its usual spot on the Front Lawn, it seemed as if life on campus would remain normal, and the freshmen orientation would proceed as planned.

A meteorological view of the path of Irene.
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But on the morning of Aug. 28, somewhere around eleven o' clock in the morning, the campus found itself plunged into darkness. A cable had fallen, causing the College's power to fail. After a few seconds, the back-up generator allowed the lights to flicker back-on, but only momentarily. Within minutes, even the back-up power had shut down, causing a campus-wide blackout.

Students remained certain that the power would return shortly, but after a couple hours it became clear that it would not happen. Through the College's emergency text messaging and email system, students were notified that the picnic was cancelled altogether. Each dorm was given a specific time during which they could eat, in order to preserve the amount of food available should the blackout last for more than a day.

As time passed, students were kept in the loop about what was happening with the power and the activities scheduled for that day. The Opening Convocation was cancelled and students were warned to avoid walking under large trees because branches were falling. Eventually it was determined that the Opening Convocation would be rescheduled for Mon. Aug. 29 at 7:00 p.m. Students were also informed that there would be various buildings around campus, which would be accessible to re-charge cell phones and computers.

As the day faded away and it was obvious that the power would not be restored that night, students began pulling out flashlights so as to be able to see in the coming darkness. When darkness fell, Campus Safety officers were stationed outside all dorms to make sure that everything ran smoothly through the night and that all the students were safe.

When darkness totally engulfed the campus and flashlights no longer provided enough light to see, students made their way to bed. At around 5:30 a.m., however, they were awoken by the whirring sound of their printers, air conditioners, and lights coming back to life. The power had been restored to campus, expect for the M.I.L.E. houses and President Helm's home.

On Mon., Aug. 29, the College began its first day of classes and the new school year had begun.

Student Government's mission to the College

Courtesy of
The Student Government Association

This past Thursday, after its first meeting of the year, the Student Government Association conducted a workshop and collectively wrote a Mission and Vision statement for the organization.

Mission Statement:
The Student Government Association exists to represent the students of the College objectively and with transparency by consciously dedicating our time and effort to the continuous improvement of the College.

Vision Statement:
As an organization, we will strive to build a more accessible, connected and reliable relationship within the College Community to provide equitable representation of the student body.

This is the first time that Student Government here at the College has ever done such a workshop. Student Body President, Jonathan Landau '12 said, "We are all very satisfied with what we have come up with. I hope that this helps direct the future operations and initiatives of the SGA and allow us to better serve and represent the interests of the Student Body."

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Welcome Back advice

...And we're back! Another semester is underway, and students across campus are talking about their hopes and goals for the next few months. Whether you are striving for a certain GPA or just want to strike up a conversation with a certain someone, now is the time to go for it. .

In the spirit of taking on a new challenge, we put together our own Muhlenberg Welcome Back list of things to do on campus to help you with this semester. Feel free to steal a few, or make up your own, but either way it cannot hurt to make a list with your friends and hang it on a dorm room wall. Just a little reminder of your goals can be all you need to accomplish them, whether they're serious or simply some lighthearted fun.

1. Study hard.
2. Stay on top of your work.
3. Seek out help if you feel you need it.
4. Remember professors are your friends not foes.
5. Make some spare time to keep up on all your favorite TV shows.
6. Enjoy the last rays of summer sunshine and warmth.
7. Take advantage of all the great activities on campus.
8. Catch up on campus news by reading the Weekly.
9. Have a close encounter with a Muhlenberg squirrel.
10. Have fun!

Muhlenberg might be small, but don't let the size and everyday campus routine limit you! If you don't make a conscious effort to explore new things and step out of your comfort zone, you might find yourself stifled by work and pressure. Even though it is important to learn (after all, that is why you're here!), make sure that you take a break from all that studying and homework to just enjoy your life at college.

Why books should not be made into movies

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

As of late, transforming a book into a movie has become all the rage in Hollywood and it seems like the general public is succumbing to Hollywood's latest shenanigans. I will let the numbers speak for themselves first; according to http://www.the-numbers.com the infamous *Harry Potter* franchise has grossed $7,672,299,413 worldwide, according to http://www.the-numbers.com *The Devil Wears Prada* made $326,551,094 worldwide, and according to http://boxofficemojo.com *Alice in Wonderland* has grossed $1,024,299,904 worldwide. These numbers speak volumes, indicating that the studios that produced these movies made huge profits. Buena Vista has capitalized on producing books into movies not only with *Alice in Wonderland*, but also with *The Chronicle of Narnia: The Lion,the Witch, and the Wardrobe* which according to http://boxofficemojo.com grossed $291,710,957 worldwide. Therefore, it makes sense that in the capitalist society that we live in companies are motivated to continually produce movies that are based on books. This has been especially true lately with Warner Brothers releasing *Something Borrowed* in May and Buena Vista releasing *The Help* in August, both which are on their way to making both companies large profits.

However, when it comes to the brilliance of the literary talent that is portrayed in books and novels by authors, the possibility of making money should not hinder the greatness of books. The idea of making a book into a movie can be traced back to 1939 when L. Frank Baum's *The Wizard of Oz* was turned into a movie and 1962 when Universal released Harper Lee's *To Kill A Mockingbird* as a movie. These two movies have gone on to become a huge part of society because they were such a rarity. In today's society it almost seems as if books are only written to be produced into movies, which is taking away from the distinctiveness and pleasure of seeing a book made into a movie. When turning books into movies was rarely done, it was special to see the fantasy world you created in your head while reading the book on screen. However, now that it is done so often, the appeal of it is lost.

Furthermore, lately the movies that are based on books have been awful because they change major parts of the plot of the book and there seems to be a big disconnect between the movie and the book. For example, last summer *Charlie St. Cloud* was released as a movie and was different than the book and the movie certainly did not do the book justice. Overall, regardless of how a book is portrayed by a movie, I find more pleasure in reading it and creating my own interpretation of it.

My memories of September 11th, 2001

By Ryan Lee
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

When you think of the days in history that have defined generations, you never expect that there will be one of those days in your own lifetime. They all seem so far removed from the present day, like the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Bobby Kennedy and the day that Apollo 11 landed on the moon, just to name a few. Those days, both joyous and mournful ones alike, are forever emblazoned in the minds of those who experienced them. I know my mom remembers where she was when JFK was shot; she told me that she was in seventh grade at the time, and over the announcements came the news that the president had been shot. That was almost 50 years ago already, but still she can remember it as if it were yesterday.

The Twin Towers

Photo Courtesy of Google Images

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I asked my mom those questions when I was very little—maybe 7 or 8 years old—never imagining that any day in my life would equal those days of long ago in importance and magnitude. But that all changed on September 11, 2011. On that day, even the assassinations of beloved politicians seemed miniscule.

It was my first week living in a new town after my parents had divorced a year earlier. Actually, we hadn't moved yet. My mom and I drove an hour back and forth from our old house to my new school, every day for two weeks, until our new house was completed. It was a very difficult time for me—everything was changing. Mom and Dad's divorce didn't really bother me very much—I knew they weren't happy and were better off apart—but that, compounded with moving to a brand new town and beginning a brand new school, was just too much for me to handle. I was a shell of my usual self, very reserved and afraid to open up to anybody. I loved my new teachers, but that was the only highlight of it all.

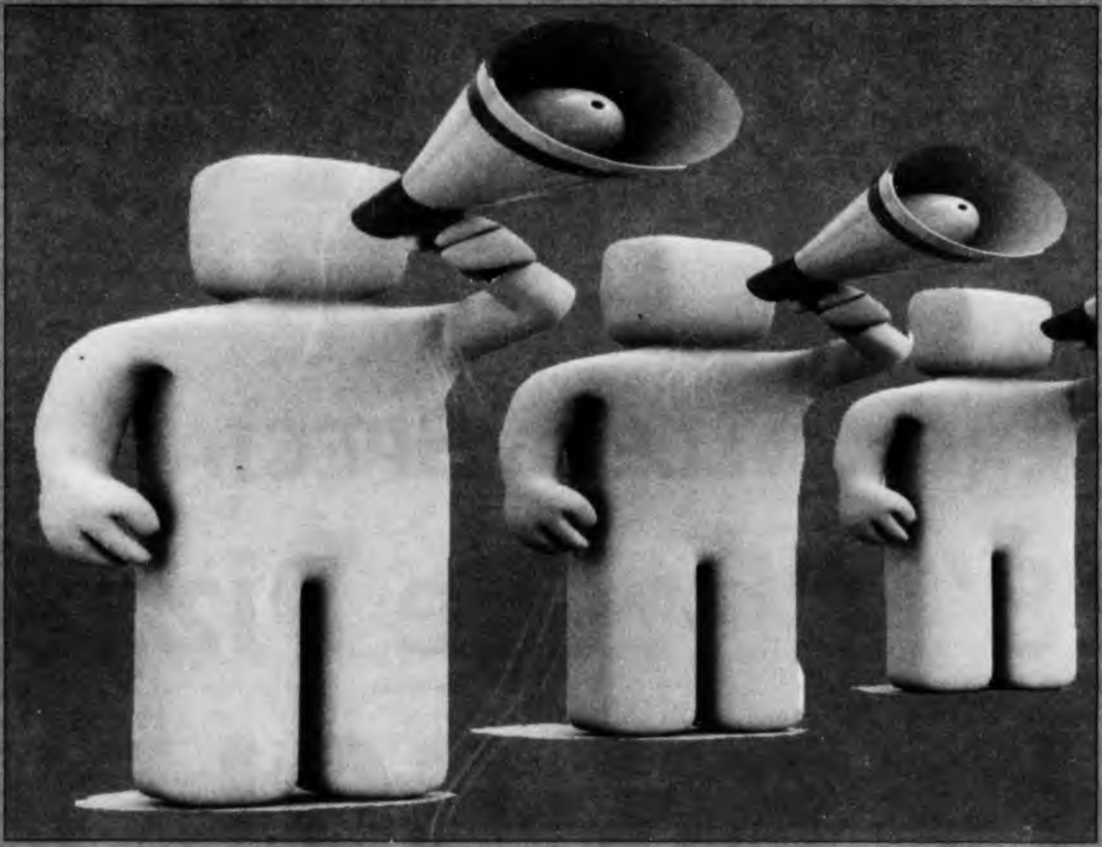
> *"Sure, the details differ dramatically from person to person, but the vividness is consistent."*

Then, on our third or fourth day of school, we were sitting in class, learning about plants, I remember. Then, suddenly, a voice came over the announcements, calling some of my classmates up to the main office to go home. It consistently occurred throughout the day, and I kept wondering, "Where's everybody going?" My teachers didn't know anything. Then, at the end of the day, my dad picked me up from school. It was his first time picking me up from my new school, and we decided to meet in front of a tree at the end of the pathway leading to the school parking lot. When I walked up to him, he gave me a hug, but he looked a little off. Even then, I had a pretty keen sense of when something wasn't quite right, so I asked him, "Dad, what's wrong?" As usual, he said, "I'll tell you in the car." When we got into the car, he told me what had happened. He said that one of the women he worked with had on her radio, and it was broadcasting the news of when the first plane hit the North Tower. Everybody in the office was in a state of disbelief; nobody could comprehend it. They were in denial, as was the rest of the nation that day. Then, when the second plane hit the South Tower, people were just beside themselves with disbelief and horror. As Dad said, it was unreal. He described it as being almost like a dream. But it wasn't a dream.

Being only eight years old at the time, I wasn't mature enough to grasp the significance of what had happened. Sure, I understood that thousands of people died, but the ramifications of it eluded me. It would take me years afterward to fully grasp what had happened that day.

Then, on Sept. 12, we went into school. I remember nothing of that day, except that when we all looked out the window, we could see a dense blackness in the distance. Mind you, we were about 60 or 70 miles from Manhattan, and we could still see the cloud of smoke ascending toward the vivid blue sky. It was really quite a sight to behold, one I will always remember.

I'm sure that every American who was alive on Sept. 11 has a similar story to tell. Sure, the details differ dramatically from person to person, but the vividness is consistent. Everybody remembers where he/she was, and what he/she was doing. Days like that can never be forgotten.



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Common hour?

By Ryan Lee
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There's an old axiom that says, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Well, it's clear that some people are not entirely familiar with this concept. Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, the College has implemented a new idea known as the "common hour." Between 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the College holds no classes so that students may eat lunch, go to meetings with their professors or with their respective clubs, or do anything else that they need to. Also, they can attend scheduled common hour lectures and activities.

However, this concept is not entirely practical. Although it has its benefits—time for clubs to meet during the day, time to meet with professors—its outcomes appear to be more negative than positive in the eyes of students. To begin with, because the common hour occurs in the middle of the day, afternoon classes had to be pushed back slightly to allow for it. Classes that used to occur from 3:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., now occur from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. It's always safe to say that the longer classes last, the more upset students will be. Nobody likes to stay in class late. 4:15 was late enough. 4:45 is pushing it just a little. Also in regard to timing, there has been uproar about scheduling this year. There is more overlap of class times during the day, in an attempt to accommodate the common hour.

Many students agree that the new schedule is an annoyance. Joy Forlenza '12 said, "Common hour made scheduling classes a lot more difficult for me. Since there can't be any classes between 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., fewer times are offered during the morning and afternoon. It seems like class times never overlap with one another either, like they did before. So, many classes I wanted to take were being offered at the same time." Avi Allen '14 said, "It sucks. It's way too crowded in the dining hall during the common hour." Evan Teitelbaum '14 said, "I am mildly against it. It makes classes later, and I'd rather get my classes out of the way earlier." In another response, sophomore Mike Schramm said, "I don't think it's worth having to reschedule everything. I think the old way of scheduling worked a lot better." He later added, "Everybody eats at the same time!"

However, an anonymous source said, "As a board member for many clubs, we can't get everybody to meet during the common hour because everybody wants to eat lunch during common hour. So, I think it's pointless." Perhaps Jake Schwartz '14 said it best when he said, quite simply, "I find common hour unnecessary."

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Campus Safety Notes

Aug. 26 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police will issue a Disruptive Conduct Report and the College will issue a Social Code Violation. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Aug. 26 – Found Property – In the Trexler Library parking lot, there was a report of a found wallet. The wallet was returned to the owner.

Aug. 26 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of a found driver's license. The license was returned to the owner.

Aug. 27 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism due to a broken window. Housekeeping was notified to respond to clean up the glass and Plant Operations was notified to repair the window. There are no suspects at this time.

Aug. 27 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Upon arrival, several empty cans and liquor bottles were found in the room. Campus Safety officers placed liquor bottles in the evidence closet. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Aug. 27 – Found Property – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of found marijuana. It is unknown to whom it belongs. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Aug. 27 – Found Property – In the Prosser drive, there was a report of a found necklace. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The necklace was placed in the lost and found locker.

Aug. 27 – Hit and Run – At the 23rd and Gordon St. parking lot, there was a report of a hit and run causing damage to a bumper. There are no suspects at this time.

Aug. 27 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital. The Health Center was notified.

Aug. 27 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Aug. 27 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. An underage student was found with an unopened bottle of liquor. The liquor was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Aug. 27 – Disorderly Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival, numerous individuals were observed and noise was heard. The College will issue a Disruptive Conduct Report. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Aug. 27 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Aug. 28 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individuals were identified and a Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Aug. 28 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Cetronia Ambulance responded and transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Aug. 28 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Shankweiler, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to the activation of the ceiling water saturation detector due to the flooding. Plant Operations were notified to respond. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Aug. 28 – Injured Student – In Shankweiler, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Aug. 28 – Social Code Violation – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a social code violation. Individuals were burning wood in a container on a front porch. Allentown Fire Department responded. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Aug. 29 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found ID and key. The owner later claimed the items.

Aug. 29 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found folder. The owner later claimed the item.

Aug. 29 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found driver's license. Attempts were made to notify the owner to retrieve the item. The license was placed in the lost and found locker.

Aug. 29 – Found Property – On the front drive, there was a report of a found purse. The owner was notified to pick up the item. The purse was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner later retrieved the purse.

Aug. 29 – Lost Property – On Gordon St., there was a report of a lost set of keys.

Aug. 29 – Found Property – In Taylor Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Aug. 29 – Theft of Services – On the front drive, there was a report of a theft of services. An unknown individual rode a cab to campus and left the vehicle without paying the driver. The individual was unable to be located. The investigation will continue.

Aug. 29 – Electrical Problem – On campus, there was a report of a campus wide power outage due to Hurricane Irene. Plant Operations were notified and responded as well as several other departments and individuals to assist with issues.

Aug. 29 – Point of Information – On the back drive, there was a report of damage to a vehicle. Damage was caused to a rear window caused by high winds from the storm.

Aug. 29 – Found Property – On the front drive, there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Aug. 30 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At Delta Zeta, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to dust from housekeeping. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Aug. 30 – Injured Student – In Brown Hall, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer took the student to the Health Center.

Aug. 30 – Larceny/Theft – On campus, there was a report of theft of aluminum spouting. There are no suspects at this time.

Aug. 30 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found Kindle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the evidence locker. The item was later returned to the owner.

Aug. 30 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the student refused further treatment or transport.

Aug. 30 – Sexual Assault – Off campus, the campus community should know that the Department of Campus Safety received a Jane Doe report of an alleged sexual assault on Aug. 30. The incident occurred on Aug. 27 at approximately 11:30pm at an off campus location. The suspect is known to the student.

Aug. 31 – Vandalism to Vehicle – Off campus, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. Scratches were found on the hood of the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Aug. 31 – Lost Property – In Ettinger, third floor, there was a report of a lost notebook planner.

Aug. 31 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost wallet. The owner later found the wallet.

Sept. 1 – Found Property – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a found insulin pack. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 1 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Sept. 1 – Lost Property – At 2309 Turner St. (Rehearsal House), there was a report of a lost ID and room key.

Sept. 1 – Found Property – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a found binder. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The binder was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 2 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a sick student. Health Services were notified and Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 2 – Injured Student – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 2 – Injured Student – At the soccer stadium, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the student refused transport and signed a release form.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS and Allentown Police Department responded. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. The student was cited by the Allentown Police Department for underage consumption.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A student was identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS and Allentown Police Department responded. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS and Allentown Police Department responded. A juvenile student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation and possession of drug paraphernalia. Individuals were identified. A Campus Safety officer disposed of alcohol and the drug paraphernalia was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a lost book bag.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Students were identified and a Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 417 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. While Campus Safety officers were responding to another call they observed another party occurring. The students were identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a social code violation. There was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Allentown Police Department and the College will issue disruptive Conduct Reports to the residents. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was another report of a social code violation. There was another report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Allentown Police Department and the College will issue disruptive Conduct Reports to the residents. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 3 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a third report of a social code violation. There was a third report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Allentown Police Department and the College will issue disruptive Conduct Reports to the residents. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety officer transported two students to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety officer transported a student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS and Allentown Police Department responded. A student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of possession of drug paraphernalia. Students were identified and the paraphernalia was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several opened and unopened cans were found in a room. The individuals were identified. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 4 – Disruptive Conduct – Off campus, there was a report of a social code violation. A student was arrested by Allentown Police Department at an off campus location for underage drinking, public drunkenness, and falsifying a state document (the student was in possession of an altered ID).

Sept. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In East Hall (block F, first floor), there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS and Allentown Police Department responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

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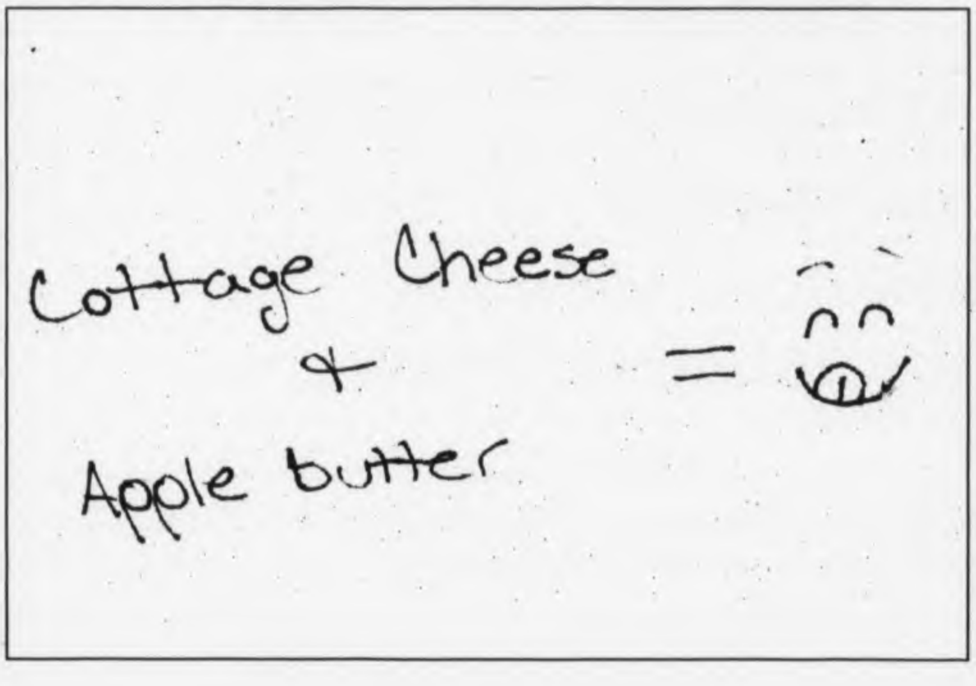

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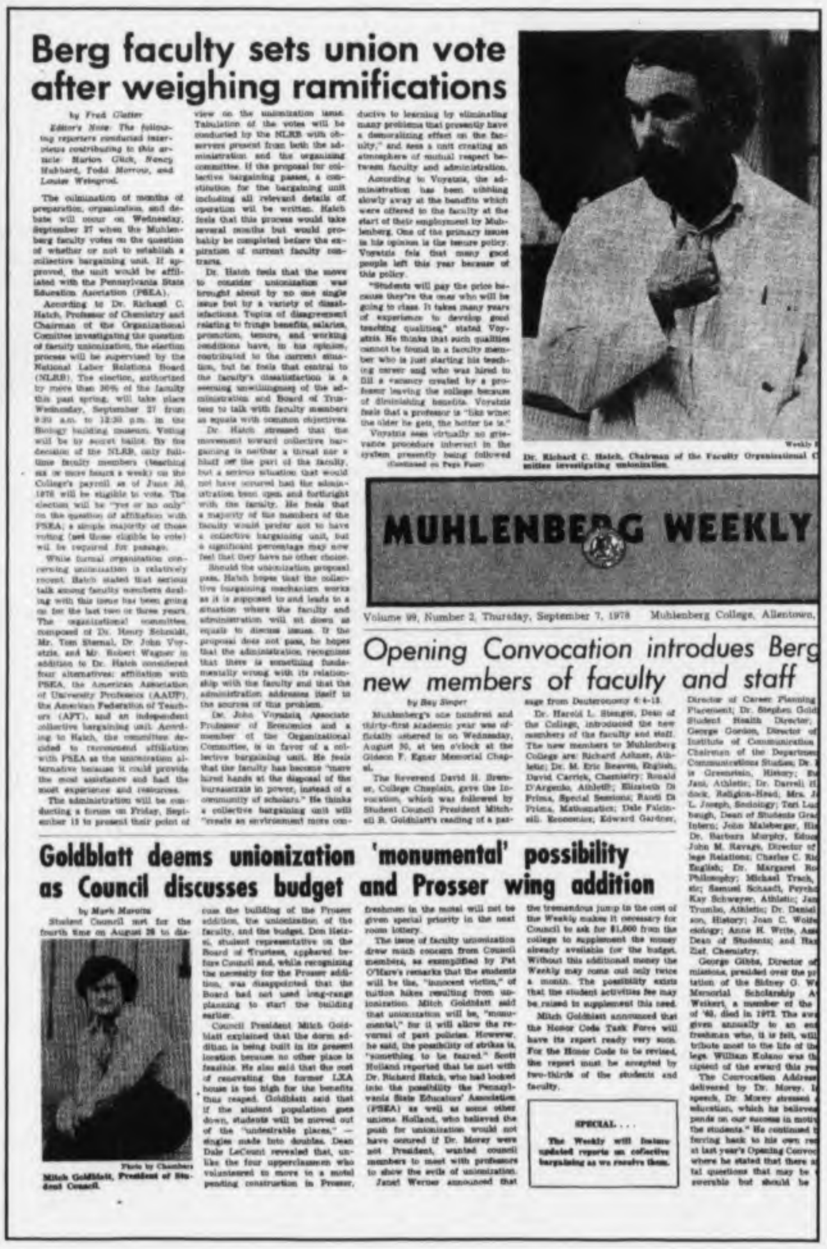

Berg faculty sets union vote after weighing ramifications

by Fred Glatter

Dr. Richard C. Hatch, Chairman of the Faculty Organizational C
mittee investigating unionization.

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Goldblatt deems unionization 'monumental' possibility as Council discusses budget and Prosser wing addition

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Mitch Goldblatt, President of Student Council.

SPECIAL . . .

The Weekly will feature updated reports on collective bargaining as we receive them.

WEEKLY Life!

"The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in."
- Morrie Schwartz

What's My Future?

By Sara Schenkel
Life Writer

The place to be last Friday night at the College was undoubtedly the Red Door, which was the host of the annual Psychic Fair. Nervous laughter could be heard from the hallways as students shuffled into the social space and anxiously huddled into groups with their friends as they looked around in wonder. Tables were set up featuring palm and tarot card readers, as well as an eerie game station testing your ESP skills. You had an option to see three different psychics, all women with far-away looks in their eyes sitting at their tables filled with angel figurines and gemstones. When the night first kicked off, each person that went to learn their future had on average ten to fifteen minutes with the readers, but as the night trudged on and the lines grew longer, the psychics had less time for each person, but they still managed to give each person their undivided attention.

A deck of tarot cards.

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While talking with the woman running the ESP game, a psychic herself and presumably the leader of the Psychic Caravan, a group of traveling psychics based in New York, she explained to me the concepts behind these quirky games. With a sense of mystical calm she describe the potential of everyone's ESP abilities and her mission to unlock these abilities in each of us. Her game revolved around people's aptitude towards tapping into their "psychic minds." Five cards imprinted with shapes are distributed to each player and, as the psychic chooses from her own deck of cards, she lays the card facedown as you wave your hand over it to feel the "vibrations." You are supposed to guess which symbol the card she chose has and place a gemstone on your own card that bears the aforementioned symbol. As people played the game it became obvious that the game was more about luck than ability.

As people filed in and out of the seats throughout the night, the psychic said the same things to them each time: "Your psychic ability is strong, you just have to channel it." It became hard to take this seriously after so many pronouncements of the same nature. However, the palm and tarot card readers were fantastic, even if the wait was long. The women managed to spend adequate time with each person, and while their predictions may not have not always been accurate, they did often have strange insight into details of your life. The whole night was quirky and kitschy, yet undeniably fun. This is an event that Muhlenberg should continue to have for years to come.

Decorating the Dorm

By Natalie Weiss
Life Writer

As students of the College, you are most likely getting organized, purchasing books, meeting new people while learning how to cope in new environments. One very important environment, and probably where you will spend most of your time, is your room. Singles, doubles, triples and suites: all waiting patiently, hoping that their inhabitant will dress them with the utmost attention. Decorating this room can be an arduous task so, why not make it fun? You have the opportunity to shed the "old you" of years past that took over your room at home and make something that reflects the person you want to be while at college.

A half-decorated dorm room.

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The first task to accomplish while becoming acquainted with your living space is to choose a theme. Colors and a room full of certain "trophies" always work, however there is so much more. For example, throw your major into the mix. Musicians: throw music themes into your room décor, and science majors: fill your room with beakers and the periodic table of elements. Political Science majors can deck out the room with toy elephants and a blue area rug. Art majors have endless possibilities such as Vermeer, Klimt and Monet posters that cover the walls to the point where one might feel like he or she is in a museum. If you are undecided, choose a sport or celebrity to take over the room. Since navy and white always look good together, a Yankee themed room is not a bad idea, or blue and orange, in case you happen to be a Mets fan.

The next step is to divide the room into three or sections, depending on the space at hand. The working portion, sleeping section and living space are conventional and simple ways to decide how you want to express yourself through each section. It is simple, logical and won't cause you back pains while moving ridiculously heavy furniture. The sections where work or studying happens should include pictures of friends and family, maybe a few quotes of inspiration or a card from a friend, to look at every so often while in the middle of cramming for that Chemistry final that will be sure to keep you up all night. Living space is meant to be fun and a place where your friends can come to get to know you better. Scatter some games around a beanbag chair or perhaps set up a guitar against a futon so that your friends can admire your tone deafness. The sleeping area needs to feel safe and comfortable. Between classes, practice and rehearsals, the bed will quickly become your best friend. One of two things is necessary for your sleeping space: either a candle or something to hold onto. Now, these come in different forms, including battery-operated candles, a fluff pillows, or perhaps that stuffed animal you got for your 6th birthday. Even if you are an 822-pound suma wrestler, a good cuddle while falling asleep to a soft light feels good after a day of holding 76 red doors.

Finally, add touches of memorable experiences to these sections. Throw a framed award from high school on the desk or a snow globe your parents got you when they decided to leave for a trip to Bermuda. It is the least you can do considering you threw four parties while they were away. Dancers, hang up old leotards and ballet shoes around the room and musicians: tape your favorite piece of music to the ceiling so that you can remember that good music still exists when your neighbor decides to blast Gym Class Heroes.

GUEST CHEF NACHO NIGHT!

Where: Wood Dining Commons @ Chef's Table
When: Wednesday, 9/14 from 4:30pm-8pm
What: Build Your Own Nacho Bar featuring freshly fried nachos with your choice of toppings including homemade salsa!

Becky Grace & Aaron Bova from Residential Services

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Sept. 8

1) *Joel Carreiro: Seeing Things* from noon to 8:00 p.m. in the Martin Art Gallery

2) Common Hour: Responding to Scientific Foundations from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in Seegers Union rooms 111 and 112

3) Yael Rasooly: Solo Puppeteer/Object Theatre Artist from 12:30 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. in the Center for the Arts room 149

4) Community Garden Work Day from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 2208 Chew St.

5) FREE organic/vegetarian dinner from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 2208 Chew St.

6) Senior Success from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Trumbower 130

Fri. Sept. 9

1) IJCU First Friday from noon to 1:00 p.m.

2) *Joel Carreiro: Seeing Things* from noon to 8:00 p.m. in the Martin Art Gallery

3) Karaoke from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in the Red Door

4) Shabbat Dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Hillel

5) Marcellus Shale Drilling from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Wildland Conservancy in Emmaus, PA

Sat. Sept. 10

1) *Joel Carreiro: Seeing Things* from noon to 8:00 p.m. in the Martin Art Gallery

2) Ozzy's Sports Fun Center from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Sun. Sept. 11

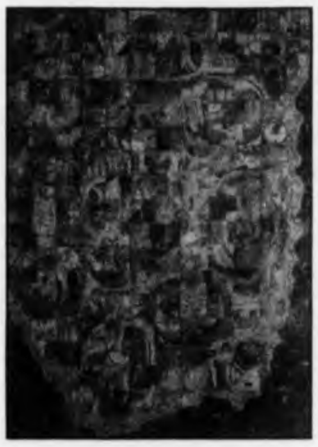
1) All Campus Worship Service 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Egner Memorial Chapel

Martin Art Gallery offers things to see

By Melissa Roth
Editor-In-Chief

The College's Martin Art Gallery, located in the Center for the Arts, hosts its first exhibition, *Seeing Things*, now through Oct. 1. *Seeing Things* is a mid-career survey of the collage-type work of Joel Carreiro.

Influenced heavily by Western Art History, especially the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque periods and styles, Carreiro's art attempts to make worlds within worlds appear alive on a two-dimensional surface, such as a canvas. In order to accomplish his goal, Carriero studies, analyzes, and breaks down specific parts of the different historical pieces. Once he discovers the parts of the images he wants to use, Carreiro arranges them in complex patterns and compositions, which meld, twist, and curl along and across birch panels. In describing his work, Carreiro says that "it is like surfing; you have to adapt all decision making to a powerful external force, the wave. Your ego has to make room for something else."


A Carreiro collage.
Photo courtesy of Kathy Burke

Carreiro is currently a professor and Director of the MFA program at Hunter College and has been working with the medium of collage for over twenty years.

Once *Seeing Things* closes the Martin Art Gallery will open its doors to three other exhibitions throughout the fall semester. From Oct. 1 through Oct. 23, *Marco Calderon: Block by Block the Merchants of Old Allentown* will run in the Galleria lobby. Starting on Oct. 12 and running through Nov. 12, *Bill McDowel: Ashes in the Night Sky* will be in the Art Gallery. The final exhibit of the semester, *Linda Stein: Fluidity of Gender*, will run from Nov. 21 through Dec. 17.

Gallery hours are Tues. through Sat. noon to 8:00 p.m.

Panda Girl: *The Weekly's* Advice Column

The Panda Girl

Hey Muhlenberg!

The Panda Girl is back for her last year, and eager to continue her advice column.

Please, write to me with any problems or concerns about anything and everything. I feel confident I have some tools and tips to help you. Be it homesickness, or feeling sick from too much GQ, trouble studying to trouble sleeping, relationship nightmares or roommate nastiness, I'll provide a little outsider's opinion and advice to help your life at Muhlenberg be brighter.

Send your Ask the Panda Girl letters to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or mail them to Box 2072.

Are you interested in writing about events that occur on campus?
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Men's Soccer finishes 2-0 opening weekend with 2-0 win

By Muhlenberg Athletics

Midway through the second half of the Muhlenberg men's soccer game against DeSales, Ari Nutovits got kicked in the chin after chasing down a ball in the box. One of his teeth dug into his lip, causing it to bleed and resulting in a short delay while athletic trainers attended to him.

"When your teeth get rattled, you get a little dizzy," said the junior. "I needed a second to figure out where I was."

Where he was was in front of the Mules' goal. And that is looking like a place where he belongs.

Nutovits made seven saves to earn the shutout in his second career start as Muhlenberg completed a 2-0 opening weekend with a 2-0 win against local rival DeSales. Juniors Way scores the first goal of the game and the 16th of his career. Juniors Danny Way and Nate Squire scored the goals.

Nutovits delivered a much more secure performance than he did in his first start, when he allowed two goals (one on a penalty kick) in a 3-2 win against Cortland State.

"The first game I was a little nervous and on edge. I wanted to be as good as Jason Daniels," he admitted, referring to the Mules' All-America goalie last year. "Today I was more confident, more relaxed. I knew how they played, with a lot of long balls, so I stayed at the top of the box."

The Bulldogs, who opened their season with an impressive 5-0 win against Moravian yesterday, had their best scoring chance in the eighth minute, when Nutovits was caught out of the box and used his chest to turn away a shot.

The rest of the first half was evenly played, with each team taking four shots, but Muhlenberg began to take command in the second half. In the fifth minute of the second half, senior Josh Luginbuhl sent in a cross from the right corner into the box. The Bulldog goalie came out to meet the ball, but Way beat him to it and slid the ball inside the left post.

"It was the same thing that happened against F&M in the playoffs last year," said Way. "[Luginbuhl] bent it in and put it where I had a chance to get it before the goalkeeper. Luckily I got a toe on it and tapped it in."

It was the first goal of the season for the top returning scorer in the Centennial Conference, who was starting to get frustrated after getting shut out in the Cortland State game and the first half of the DeSales game.

"It's tough [being the team's leading scorer], but I just have to prepare for that and know that the goals are going to come," he said. "Hopefully other people will step up, and they have been. That takes a little weight off my shoulders."

One of the people who has stepped up is Squire, the midfielder who scored off a direct kick for the second game in a row. With about six minutes left in the game and the Mules still clinging to a 1-0 lead, Way was brought down on a breakaway just outside the box, resulting in a red card for the Bulldog goalie. Squire greeted the new 'keeper with a perfectly placed shot to the upper right corner.

DeSales took three more shots and had two more corner kicks the rest of the way, but Nutovits and the defense turned them aside to complete the shutout.

"We were very organized today, especially in the back," said Nutovits. "We stayed very compact and won almost all the 50-50 balls. We're doing well."

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football

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Sat. 9/3 @ Delaware Valley, L 10-9

Men's Soccer

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Fri. 9/2 vs. Cortland State, W 3-2

Sat. 9/3 vs. DeSales, W 2-0

Women's Soccer

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Kean Classic

Sat. 9/3 vs. Stockton L 2-1

Sun. 9/4 vs. Kean W 1-0

Field Hockey

(0-2, 0-0 CC)

Fri. 9/2@ Scranton, L 3-1

Sat. 9/3 @ Elizabethtown, L 5-0

Volleyball (1-3, 0-0 CC)

River City Classic

Fri. 9/2 vs. Oberlin W 3-0

vs. Kenyon, L 3-0

Sat. 9/3 vs. Marietta L 3-0

vs. Methodist, L 3-0

Purifying College Football

By Jeremy Fuchs
Weekly Sports Writer

College football which once represented the best and brightest of athletics, has now become a symbol for corruption, cronyism and systematic rule breaking. This summer has provided multiple scandals, from Ohio State to Miami, that have rocked the college football world. College football is facing a crisis. As the face of intercollegiate, amateur athletics, college football needs to re-examine its practices, and come out of these scandals cleaner then before, so they can help to continue the rich tradition of the pure amateur athlete.

Ohio State, one of the finest college football programs, was rocked with scandal, when it was revealed that a number of players, including star quarterback Terrelle Pryor, accepted cash and tattoos in exchange for signed memorabilia, a violation of byzantine NCAA rules. The scandal led to the eventual resignation of coach Jim Tressel and the dismissal of Pryor, who was later drafted by the Raiders. At Miami, another legendary program, was hit by scandal when a former booster, now in jail for a ponzi scheme, told reporters about his various exploits while involved with the University. He provided players with benefits such as women, cash, cars, prostitutes and more, all violations of NCAA rules.

The underlying cause of both these violations is the lack of student-athlete money. Because of their amateur status, they cannot accept any benefits, especially money. They are not allowed to get an on-campus job, like most students are. They are remunerated in the form of scholarships.

Opponents of paying students point to the fact that the athletes receive full tuition at a top university. And while that's true, the main job of a high profile Division I athlete at Ohio State or Miami is to play football. While Division III schools put more of a focus on academics, Division I schools are focused on football. With at least 20 hours of practice a week, the priority is clearly sports.

Most of the athletes come from disadvantaged socio-economic conditions. For many, this is their chance to make something out of themselves. Being showered with, and accepting, gifts and money is not criminal: it's natural. Hell, most of us would do the same thing. The problem is not curtailing the temptation of athletes. It's putting them in a situation where the gifts are unnecessary.

Athletes should be paid. Not massive amounts, not like pros, but enough where they can subsist. These athletes bring in millions of dollars into the school; the least they could do is provide them with some of the pie. On the same token, athletes should be able to accept gifts, as long as it's legal. Getting a discount on a tattoo because they are a star player seems natural. The idea of "it's on the house" should still apply to students. layers should not be punished for accepting gifts. The people offering these lavish gifts, the ones offering prostitutes, should be punished. These people are preying on the innocence and naiveté of eighteen and nineteen year olds, and their woebegone existence should be penalized. The athletes are not the criminals; the boosters are. Paying athletes for the job they do is right. It's similar to paying a Muhlenberg student for working at the bookstore. Except the athletes are doing their job in front of millions weekly, and are bringing in millions into the university. They deserve to be paid.

While paying athletes money and allowing them to accept legal gifts might not eliminate the presence of boosters, it will certainly curtail them. Ridding the college football world of the preying low lifes that currently exert so much dominance on the sport, will purify a great game. College football is thriving, despite of the scandals. Without the scandals, the game can revert back to its pure, unadulterated form: football.

Interested in writing for sports? Then come talk to us.

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Athletes of the week

By Muhlenberg Athletics

Female Athlete of the Week – Samantha Mayden, Cross Country

Mayden was the top Division III finisher at the Lehigh Invitational, coming in seventh out of 89 runners. She improved her time from the same meet last year by almost two minutes and led the Mules to wins against local rivals DeSales and Moravian.

Male Athlete of the Week – Kyle Plifka, Soccer

Plifka helped the Mules to a 2-0 opening weekend. In the season opener against Cortland State, he scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the first half, then preserved Muhlenberg's 3-2 lead by heading a ball out of the goal. The Plifka-led defense also shut out DeSales, which had scored five goals the previous day.

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Teamwork by Women's Soccer Pays Off

By Joy Forlenza
Weekly Sports Editor

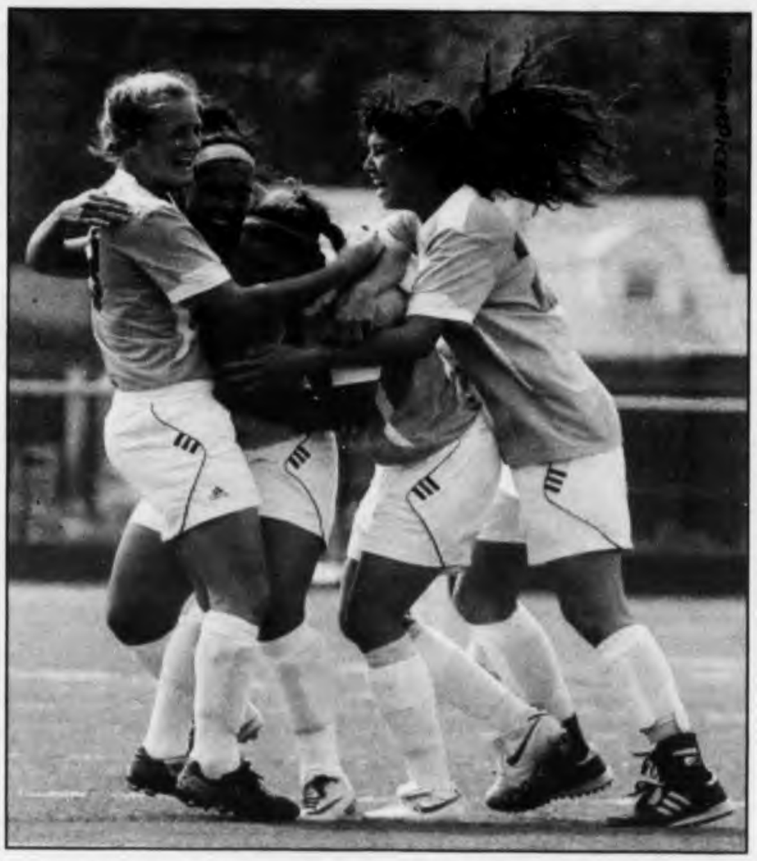
Last weekend, the Mule Women's Soccer team kicked off the season with the Kean Classic soccer tournament.

The Stockton Ospreys and the Kean Cougars proved themselves to be worthy opponents, but the Mules were well-prepared with strategic plays and maneuvers that intensified the pressure on the opposing defense.

The Lady Mules made their first win of the season by defeating Kean 1-0 last Sunday. In addition, the team finished the tournamnet with a 9-6 scoring advantage. This is a big improvement from last year, considering that the Mules had lost 3-2 to Kean last year because of a corner kick. The Lady Mules learned from their mistakes last year and were careful not to let it happen again. Although they did have a 2-1 loss to Stockton, they played well from beginning to end.

Junior Defender Jillian Moretto scored the one goal that lifted the Mules to victory at Kean. Sophmore Midfielder CJ Graetzer crossed the ball from the right wing into the box that Moretto got to in the nick of time, beating the Cougar goalie charging out. The ball soared over the goalie's head, hitting the the left post and landing the net.

This was Moretto's first career goal and is remarkable considering it was only her second game back since she sprained her ankle during a match against Dickinson last season. Moretto has certainly come back as strong as she intended. Another noteworthy player is Senior Goalie Michele Toher, who made two saves on long-distance shots, which made for her 14th career shutout. Aside from that, Toher didn't have too much to worry about since the Mule defense managed to keep the ball forward and away from the net.



Junior Defender Jillian Moretto and teammates celebrate their first win.

Photo by Muhlenberg Athletics

Moretto said, "We had some great competition this weekend, and we played amazing. It didn't go our way yesterday [the loss to Stockton] but we were really able to connect from the defense to the midfields to the forwards. I'm proud of this team and we're proud of each other."

One of the biggest strengths of the Mule Women's Soccer team is that they have done a lot of team bonding already that has allowed them to get ti know each other better as players and to work on their game.

Last summer, the team traveled to Barbados together where they managed to have a lot of fun relaxing on the beach and sightseeing, but they still stayed focused on taking advantage of the time they had together to improve.

With nine returning starters, it was easier for them to come up with a new formation that could be used and readily taught to the new players starting this season. Senior Captain Meghan O'Grady said, "Last year we had a lot of younger players starting, and I think they may not have had the confidence from the start. But now with all of those freshman and sophomores being sophomores and juniors, we feel really comfortable playing together and are confident we can start this season strong."

The team hopes to capitalize on the fact that every position has a returning player to give them more confidence in how they play and to improve. They are also making a conscious effort to help each other get better.

This week the Lady Mules will be playing Fri. Sept. 9 at Gwynedd-Mercy and Wed. Sept. 14 at Messiah at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Football

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Sat. 9/10 @ F&M, 1:00

Men's Soccer

(2-0,0-0 CC)

Sat. 9/10 @ Moravian, 4:00

Wed. 9/14 @ Wilkes, 7:00

Women's Soccer

(1-0,0-0 CC)

Fri. 9/9 @ Gwynedd-Mercy, 7:00

Wed. 9/14 vs. Messiah, 7:00

Field Hockey

(0-2, 0-0 CC)

Wed. 9/7 @ Moravian, 4:00

Sat. 9/10 @ Montclair State, 6:00

Wed. 9/14 @ Drew, 7:30

Volleyball
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Buttermaker Tourament

Fri. 9/11 vs. Albright 3:00, King's 7:00
Sat. 9/12 TBD, 10:00

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9/11 memorial is a time for reflection

By Allison Diamond
News Writer

Amidst a plethora of new beginnings for students this academic year, the ten-year anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center loomed. On Sunday, September 11, students and faculty gathered on the Front Lawn for a memorial recognizing our collective remembrance of 9/11. Reverend Peter Bredlau, the College Chaplain, spoke with empathy and emanated a sense of campus unity as he introduced student speakers Lisa Peterson '12, Emma Taffet '13, and Stephanie Bayruns '12. Taffet read from "10-Year Anniversary Prayer" by Rabbi John L. Rosove, which spoke about a need for courage in the face of devastating loss and the hope for a world without hate. Bayruns, who read a poem called One by Cheryl Sawyer, describes this year's memorial as a time for reflection and prayer. Joining the student speakers was Dr. Roland Kushner, Assistant Professor of Business, who performed an original song inspired by a vivid memory of the rocky Manhattan skyline viewed from an airplane.

The College's American flag stands at half-mast next to the display of flags in memoriam.

Photo Courtesy of Allison Diamond

Side shot of the flag display on the Front Lawn.

Photo Courtesy of Allison Diamond

College President Randy Helm closed the memorial, recalling several College alumni who passed away on 9/11. These remembrances illustrated how far-reaching the Muhlenberg community is, including all those who are touched by the College not only today, but in its past and future. As silence permeated the final moments of the memorial, students and faculty held candles, each person sharing their flame to ignite another's wick. Sunday was a reminder of the loss and devastation we all experienced ten years ago, but it was also a reminder of the strength and heart we have here at the College.

Wide shot of the display of flags in memoriam laid out on the Front Lawn.

Photo Courtesy of Allison Diamond

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It's that time again... Homecoming!

To many, homecoming is seen as the official start to the school year. Since it occurs in the middle of Sept., it sneaks up on everyone enjoying the last few days of summer, watching the leaves on the trees changing colors and soaking up the final warm rays of sunshine. With school work still relatively light, students are able to look forward to the weekend with excitement and little stress about having to finish assignments before partaking in the activities.

Homecoming symbolizes and captures the essence of the College at this of the year: everyone gathering together to support the College's sports teams. In the process, the College prepares to welcome back all of its alumni, ranging from those who graduated this past May, who are dealing with being out of school for the first time, to those celebrating their thirty,- forty,- or fifty- year reunions. As a result, this weekend provides current students and faculty a rare but wonderful opportunity to unite as a community and bond with each other and those of the past, strengthening the amazing sense of community that is so precious to the College.

Besides bonding time, homecoming offers students still on campus the opportunity to see the cheerleaders pump up school spirit at the annual Pep Rally. It allows freshmen to truly experience the way the whole College comes together for what is considered the first major event of the year. On the other side, for the seniors, homecoming is bittersweet: it is the last time they will attend it as College students, but it is the first and only time that two of them will be crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

So, whether you are a freshman, senior, member of the faculty or staff, or an alumni, come out and support the College. Come watch a couple quarters of the football game, cheer along with the cheerleaders at the Pep Rally, or just walk around campus, and catch up with friends. We hope to see you there!

Wealth of experience

By Ryan Lee
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

The funny faces he made, the hilarious stories he told, the confidence with which he spoke, the radiant blue irises that wrapped themselves around my soul and made me feel warm and loved... These are the first thoughts that flash in my mind when someone mentions the word "grandpa." They're very clear images in my mind. I envision the clothes, the facial expressions, the color of his skin, everything. I remember the deep baritone that greeted me daily on the phone: "Well, heddooo 'dere, Ry! Howa yewww?" (Translation: "Hello there, Ry. How are you?") I remember all these things because I spoke to him literally every single day for sixteen years. I consider myself lucky to have known him as well as I did. We had a very special relationship, and we genuinely enjoyed each other's company. But there was more to it than that. Lots of kids love their grandparents and look up to them, but for me, my grandpa and I went one step further than mere admiration. I knew from a very early age how much I could learn from the man. He knew so much about how people functioned. He knew where the line that separated decency from indecency was, and he *chose* to overstep that boundary for the sake of being silly. He wasn't very book-smart, but he was incredibly street-smart, probably stemming from his Brooklyn heritage. I knew a great deal about him, and I cared about him tremendously. He was a fascinating guy.

The very fact that I know so much about this man says a lot about my values. I value the experience and wisdom of those people who are older than I am. I never pretend to know more about life than my elders know, since that'd just be stupid. But how many 19-year-olds feel the same way? How many teenagers really know just how valuable their grandparents—and all their elders—are? I don't think there are too many who are conscious of the impact that their grandparents could potentially have on them. I was always very conscious of what my grandpa was teaching me, and I coaxed a lot out of him—quite selfishly, I must admit. I was part of a small minority of people who felt this way, though. If only there was more awareness of what older people could contribute to society. They've "been there" and "done that." Do you have a relationship problem? Do you feel like you're not good enough? These questions are commonplace among teenagers, who feel that every little thing that goes wrong is "the end of the world." We don't have the life experience to realize that, in the grand scheme of things, a break-up will not affect us in our lives, no matter how dire it may seem at the time. But our grandparents know it. They know it all too well. They've lived their lives. They've seen how miniscule all those seemingly catastrophic disasters eventually turned out

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The perfect tropical storm

By Josh Clement
Op/Ed Writer

I am proud. I'm proud to say that I have survived; no, that we have survived. We have made it. We have lived through the catastrophic catastrophe named after a cat. Hurricane Irene. This hurricane, or to use the politically correct term, "tropical storm," brought waves of devastation upon the Northeast. Well, very small waves. The perseverance that it took to survive this natural disaster was undertaken with no small means. We have been training for years to live through these kinds of events that happen only once a generation. While this training may have been completely unintentional, it was essential. Without our highly tuned sense of over-dramatization and great levels of apathy felt towards our surroundings, who knows what could have happened during this hurricane. Our world could have descended into madness, but we proved to be stronger than this "tropical storm." Now I will tell you my personal story of survival. Be warned - the details are harrowing.

> *I shudder to think back upon the grisly story that was told to me by someone whose power went out amidst frying bacon.*

I remember the day like it was yesterday. It was a day unlike any other because it was raining on campus. Our usually sunny grounds looked downtrodden and my classmates looked grim. I had seen on the news that many families were boarding up their windows and retreating to their cellars. I only hoped that the rest of campus was just as prepared as the people on the news. But then devastation struck. The freshman picnic was cancelled. I was planning on attending for the benefit of free food, like many of my peers. My worst moment came when I realized that I would have to walk all the way to Seegers to receive my daily nutrition, or even worse, have to spend some of my parent's money at GQ. I barely survived. Little did I know, the worst was yet to come.

I dealt with the stress of the day by taking a nap. My wonderful dreams of being Magneto (I had just watched *X-Men*) were interrupted by what I can only describe as a premonition. I awoke and discovered my first clue. The lamp next to my bed wouldn't turn on. Upon further examination it was revealed to me that the lights in my room were not working either. Cries of mayhem were heard across campus. The power was out.

I shudder to think back upon the grisly story that was told to me by someone whose power went out amidst frying bacon. She was interrupted mid-bacon! Think of the strips of deliciousness that were lost due to this natural disaster. Three joyous strips of bacon were considered collateral damage. We can never get back the time that the bacon would have spent in someone's stomach, providing a sensual feeling of enjoyment that no other pork related meat could give. The bacon was gone.

I personally was almost hit by a falling tree during this terrible period. I was within a 300-foot radius of this tree. Sitting on a futon, I was unaware of the danger I was in at this time; this sapling that fell could have struck me and violently injured me. Hopefully, campus safety becomes more aware of these dangers and can better protect their students from falling trees in the future.

After several hours of intense deliberation, which consisted of someone stating, every once and a while, "Ya know it's going to get dark eventually, we should get some flashlights." The journey began.

We found that Target had power; they were the sole refuge in our land of darkness, our shelter. They were out of flashlights - or any sort of electrical lights. I felt like I had just stepped out of the movie *The Road*. I would have to spend the night without any lights, air conditioning, or fans. It was a night of uncountable terror? So we ended up shotgunning beverages in the shower.

We survived. Somehow, I lived another day, to recount my story to you all. I share this story of unthinkable horror and struggle in hopes that it will inspire; I give it to you all. Survive.

Our generation's burden

By Kristin Lapos
Op/Ed Writer

A feeling of finality dominated this year's 9/11 anniversary, which the media officially christened "9/11: 10 Years Later." After 10 years of documentaries, interviews, specials, and ceremonies, there's only so much left to say.

There are only so many angles from which Flight 175 can hit the South Tower, there are only so many people that can stare upward with their hands over their mouths, and there are only so many survivors, family members, and firefighters that can appear on national television. The story's told. The cultural well is tapped. And something tells me that "9/11: 11 Years Later" will be rather disappointing in comparison.

It's not really "9/11:11 Years Later" that worries me. It's "9/11 :60 Years Later " that should concern each of us.

Maybe that's a good thing, for now. But I emphasize the "for now." It's not really "9/11: 11 Years Later" that worries me. It's "9/11: 60 Years Later" that should concern each of us.

We've all been asked where we were on 9/11. For most students, the answer is "at school." The shocking reality, though, is that for people only a few years younger than us, the answer is "sucking on my binkie."

Kids only a few years behind us—indeed, the freshman class that will arrive on campus sometime next year—will have little or no memory of the actual event outside of news footage and history books. In fact, it won't be long before you're asking someone "Where were you on 9/11?" and the answer will be "Among the unborn." They won't remember. They weren't there. That means that we're special. We were just old enough to remember watching the planes hit the buildings in New York and the boots hit the ground in Afghanistan, as it happened. And that means that someday, many decades in the future, we'll be the last ones to remember. When our grandparents, parents, and Generation X colleagues have passed away, it will be our sole responsibility to be the final carriers of those cultural memories, those personal experiences, those raw emotions, and those difficult decisions. It will be our responsibility to make sure 9/11 doesn't become, as former President Bush said in, yet another anniversary special, "just another day on the calendar." It's hard to imagine now, but we should consider whether our 80-year-old selves will be up for the job. It's a serious task. Already, kids who were learning multiplication tables in a second-grade classroom on 9/11 are preparing to deploy to Afghanistan to fight the war it sparked.

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The echoes of 9/11 will affect this country's policy decisions for generations to come. If we shirk our responsibility to ground our fellow citizens of the future with our tangible memories of that day, we'll do a disservice to our country.

Our generation is maligned as one of the most narcissistic generations in recent history, with no sense of personal responsibility and very short attention spans. We're going to have to prove those naysayers wrong.

In the coming years, as the anniversary specials begin to fade away and the beginning of football season again becomes the most important day in September, just keep a tiny piece of a memory tucked away. Even if it's just that first moment you felt really afraid that day, or what the conversation was like around your family's dinner table that night.

Hoard that memory. Keep it safe. Most importantly, be prepared to offer it to the world on that day far into the future when it will be among the last living memories of 9/11.

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to be. Now here's a question that I'd really like to know from all the readers: how often do you go to your grandparents for advice about relationships? My guess would be: *never*. They have a wealth of experience that nobody takes advantage of, and thus it just goes to waste. Why did they suffer through all those failed relationships when they were teenagers but to be able to console their children and grandchildren when the same thing would happen to them? Maybe it's time for us to start realizing that our grandparents can do more for us than simply give us a few bucks when they come to visit.

Fall Break

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on October 7th at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on October 11th at 10:00 a.m.
(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:
- ♦ Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with **written** permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a **$25.00** per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by *every* student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by **Friday, September 23rd.** Late requests will be subject to a **$25.00** fine.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

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Weekly Through the Ages

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Ms. Linda Weintraub, Gallery Director of C.A. *photo by Haselsberger*

Muhlenberg reorganizes C.A. directions; Ms. Weintraub will direct Gallery shows

by Edward Tomkin

The College has announced a reorganization of the administration of the Center for the Arts. The cornerstone of the reorganization plan is the abolition of the position of Director of the Center, the position held by Monroe A. Denton until the conclusion of his three year contract last semester. Rather than a single administrator managing the entire building, each area of the building will be under the direction of its own supervisor. The Theatre area will be supervised by Charles Richter. A new position in this area, that of a full-time Technical Director, will be filled by Curtis Dretsch. This position will replace the temporary, part-time space occupied last semester by senior Carl Koplin. David Seamans will be responsible for the scheduling of rooms while exhibits in the Gallery and Galleria will be under the direction of Linda Weintraub.

Weintraub, a member of the Art Department since 1973, has been hired on a year-to-year basis to fill the Gallery post. She is considered a full-time, non-tenurable staff member. In addition to her new responsibilities, Weintraub will continue to teach Twentieth Century Art and Humanities 1-2. While she has never held a curatorial post, Weintraub has extensive experience in the art field as an educator, practicing artist, and as a contributing writer for the Call-Chronicle Newspapers and for art journals.

Weintraub sees her roles as educator and administrator to be comparible with great "spillover between the two." With tremendous energy and enthusiasm, she is determined "to make the Gallery a part of Muhlenberg as an educational institution and to develop educational goals." Art should not be restricted to Art majors according to Weintraub's philosophy. "The Gallery is a congregational center where art can be both a visual and an intellectual experience. Much of art is both historical and cultural and can spill over into classroom work." The application of art to other disciplines is at the heart of Weintraub's goals. Exhibits are arranged with the active participation of all members of the College community in mind.

In support of her plans to involve members of the College campus, Weintraub has altered the policy regarding the hanging of works by students in the Gallery. Following discussions with members of the Festival of Arts committee and with Art majors, Weintraub has decided to allow students to display artwork in the Gallery and in the Galleria at the beginning of the second semester. "Festival is a student event. I want Festival to be dignified. I do not feel that it has been dignified in the past. Students need plenty of notice to get ready. This will allow for a semester of planning and all the students will be well prepared. I want their works to be shown in the best light." The scheduling and nature of the exhibits and the decision of whether only the work of Art majors will be shown or whether any student will be allowed to display his work will rest with the Festival committee.

"Phillip Johnson has created an ideal environment in which to present the arts. The setting is handsome and the security ideal," observes Weintraub. Within the Lehigh Valley, there is no other arts complex of this type and she feels that the effects of Muhlenberg art events are just beginning to be felt in the general community. "The building gives a credibility and this credibility is bolstered by wort while events . . . There is no isolatio between art or music. Each art form ca enhance the experience of the other a forms."

Several exhibits have been planned f this semester. "Small is Beautiful," a exhibit of over one hundred pieces, non of which is over twelve inches in size, wi be presented through September 29. In cluded will be a broad range of styles an media. The traditional philosophy behin American art has been "the bigger th better," explains Weintraub. "Th radical change in scale is a reflection o the awareness of the need for ecologica conservation." In conjunction with thi exhibit is an exhibition of the works o faculty members.

The "Thread Show" will open on Oc tober 7 with a gallery talk by Jan Steinsnyder of Philadelphia, a noted tex tile artist. This exhibit will show the use o textiles by artists of many cultures an eras from the sixteenth through the twentieth centuries. Represented will be piece from Italy, China, France, Turkey, India, Africa, and England. Various technique such as applique, tapestry, needlepoint, weaving, dying, printing, and knotting will be displayed.

Weintraub has arranged for a special exhibit to usher in the winter holiday season. Opening on November 18 will be an exhibition of religious art organized by Weintraub. Included will be Russian and Greek icons from the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries. On display also will be a collection of Jewish menorahs made of clay, silver, brass, and wood. Weintraub has arranged for a collection of Moslem prayer rugs including, for the first time at a public showing, the prayer rug designed for King Farouk's private mosque. Tentatively scheduled is a collection of Tibetan tonkas ("Buddhist icons"). Symposiums will be held concerning each religious area.

Mr. Samuels gives lectures on pop music

Muhlenberg College will again offer its highly praised lecture series on American Popular Music this fall under the direction of Abram Samuels. Beginning on Wednesday evening September 19 and continuing weekly through October 31, this brand new seven week course will again feature the music and lyrics of Broadway and Hollywood composers.

Mr. Samuels will review the works of Hoagy Carmichael, Alan Jay Lerner, and Johnny Mercer. In addition, several lectures will be devoted to the most popular and best-loved songs of the twenty year period beginning with 1920 and continuing through 1939. Those were the years of the Charleston, My Blue Heaven, Makin' Whoopee, Betty Co-ed, April In Paris, Pennies From Heaven, Beer Barrel Polka, Thanks For The Memories, etc.

The lectures will be laced with anecdotal material and trivia about the songs which typified golden years of American music, and they will be examined in their historical context. The musical portion of each lecture will include audience participation through sing-along with Mr. Samuels at the piano and Robert E. McNabb at the drums. Mr. McNabb will present a new program featuring recordings of vocalists with the big bands of the 30's and 40's. Once again the vocal soloist for the series will be Linda Hallberg whose lovely voice captivated those who attended last year's series.

Lecturer and pianist for this course, Abram Samuels is an avid collector of sheet music originating from Broadway and Hollywood scores. Listed in "Who's Who in America," he is a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and has himself composed over two hundred songs.

These popular lectures will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., September 19 through October 31, in Room 183 of Muhlenberg College's award-winning Center For The Arts. It is strongly recommended that you mail your registration form as early as possible. Last year's series was oversubscribed two weeks prior to the first lecture. Enrollees will be accepted on a "first-come-first served" basis. The fee for the series is $10.00 per person.

Artists show large talent in small way

A diverse range of styles and media will present the concept "Small is Beautiful" in an exhibit opening Friday, September 7 in the Center for the Arts at Muhlenberg College. The exhibit, along with one of works by faculty members, make the beginning of the academic year in somewhat unorthodox fashion.

"Small is Beautiful" will include paintings, sculpture, illustrations and other objects whose only common characteristic is dimensions; none is larger than 12 by 12 inches.

On display will be some 94 works by 78 artists, some of whom enjoy international reputations. A variety of artistic movements will be represented, from abstractions through traditional works such as those of Fairfield Porter, from satires and political cartoons to the tortured lines of Albetto Giacometti. Other artists and styles will include minimal art by Richard Serra, conceptual work by Richard Kosuth, earth art by Dennis Oppenheim and surrealistic constructions by Rom Williams.

The works take a number of forms. Miniature wedding cakes, subway stations and landscapes, along with perfect replicas of naturally small objects such as playing cards and stamps, will be included. Some are accompanied by audio tapes, while another painting is meant to be viewed through an adjacent telescope in order to provide the illusion of size. One artist, Dotty Attie, has illustrated a number of unconventional subjects in the style of Victorian Romantic novels.

The faculty art show will include paintings by Raymond Barnes, assistant professor of art; sculpture by Bill Clark; set and costume designs by Curtis Dretsch, assistant professor of drama and technical director of the Muhlenberg College Theatre; sculpture and drawings by Thomas Sternal, associate professor of art; batiks by Betty Touhsaent, and paintings in ink by Linda Weintraub, lecturer in art and gallery director of the Center for the Arts.

Both exhibits will open with a reception in the Center from 3 to 5 p.m. September 7, and will run through September 29.

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Freshmen frolic at Orientation Picnic. *photo by Jenet*

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer

by Barry Schwartz

Practice has begun for the Muhlenberg Soccer Team this season with all but a few starters returning. The incoming freshmen show good potential, and Coach Trumbo expects that a few of them will start. With this type of combination, the team should go far this year.

A pre-season is not fun for any team. Practice involves hours and hours of drills, sprints, and play with other members of the team. All of this time and effort is for two 45 minute halves.

Soccer is a game of teamwork. It requires all 11 men on the field to be physically and mentally ready at all times as the ball can go from offense to defense in just a few seconds. Therefore, the offense must support the defense, and vice versa. All of this must be done in practice to achieve perfection for the games.

The first game this season is at home against Delaware Valley College on Wednesday, September 19. All support is appreciated.

Football

by Linda Jaye Molee

With the end of the summer and the advent of the new school year, one cannot forget pre-season football. This year's Muhlenberg Mules are led by co-captains Jerry Galgano and Brian Bodine. According to Galgano, the team's strongest point is their experience. With about twenty starters returning this year, the season looks quite optimistic. Some names you've heard quite a bit of before and will likely be hearing even more of this year are: John Sartori, Don Somerville, John Trump, Doug Le Gregni, Vinnie Mulvihill, John McKeon, Bill Kolano, and Art Scavone.

Approximately twenty freshmen will also be appearing on the Mules' gridiron. They are all quite talented and have a good attitude about the game and the team as a whole. The team has been practicing since Thursday August 23 and most of the freshmen that originally came out are still with the team.

The Mules have acquired two new coaches: Defensive line coach Tom Filipovits and secondary coach Robert Shaffer. There was a scrimmage at home Saturday against Widener in which the Mules were defeated 10-0. The first game is Sept. 15 at home against Franklin & Marshall. Co-captain Galgano feels that opening game will prove to be the toughest since the Mules haven't beaten F & M in ten years. Two other dates to be remembered: Homecoming, Oct. 20 against Dickinson and Parents Day, Nov. 3 against Susquehanna.

The students and faculty of Muhlenberg wish the Mules much success in their upcoming season.

PKT Wins

Muhlenberg College's chapter of Phi Kappa Tau national social fraternity received the Roland Maxwell award as the outstanding small college chapter in the country at the fraternity's recent national convention at the University of Tennessee.

The award was presented on the basis of academic achievement, campus and community involvement and service and cooperation with the national fraternity organization during the past two academic years.

Among the brothers' achievements cited by the national council were a blood donor program through the Miller Memorial Blood Center, an annual Christmas party for the children of Casa Guadalupe, and acting as marshal for the Lehigh Valley Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-Thon.

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John McKeon, PKT president

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 5 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Upon officer's arrival, several empty and unopened cans were found in a room as well as several items that were taken from various places on campus. The alcohol was disposed of and the stolen items were bought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 5 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of several found items, such as cell phones, keys, watches, and headphones. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 5 – Found Property – At 2315 Liberty St. (MILE House), there was a report of a found key. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The key was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 5 – Larceny/Theft – In Martin Luther Hall, basement, there was a report of a theft of a bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 5 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a report of a student attempting to use a false ID at the Liberty Street Tavern. The false ID was confiscated at the Tavern and brought to the Campus Safety office. The ID was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 5 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a second report of a student attempting to use a false ID at the Liberty Street Tavern. The false ID was confiscated at the Tavern and brought to the Campus Safety office. The ID was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 5 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a third report of a student attempting to use a false ID at the Liberty Street Tavern. The false ID was confiscated at the Tavern and brought to the Campus Safety office. The ID was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 5 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a fourth report of a student attempting to use a false ID at the Liberty Street Tavern. The false ID was confiscated at the Tavern and brought to the Campus Safety office. The ID was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 5 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a fifth report of a student attempting to use a false ID at the Liberty Street Tavern. The false ID was confiscated at the Tavern and brought to the Campus Safety office. The ID was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 5 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a sixth report of a student attempting to use a false ID at the Liberty Street Tavern. The false ID was confiscated at the Tavern and brought to the Campus Safety office. The ID was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 6 – Sick Employee – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick employee. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded and transported the individual to the hospital.

Sept. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2251 Turner St. (building #5, second floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2245 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 7 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Sept. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 439 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 8 – Found Property – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of found drug paraphernalia. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 8 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 8 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 8 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Sept. 8 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Upon officer's arrival, liquor bottles were found in the room. The alcohol was removed and discarded by a Campus Safety officer. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 8 – Found Property – In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner was notified and will pick up the item. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 8 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. The student was arrested by Allentown Police Department for Underage Drinking, Public Drunkenness, and resisting arrest.

Sept. 8 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 8 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. An underage student was found with alcohol. Allentown Police Department responded. The student was cited for Underage Consumption.

Sept. 9 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost car key.

Sept. 9 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 323 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 9 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2267 Turner St., building #4, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 9 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Sept. 10 – Lost Property – In Taylor Hall, second floor, there was a report of a lost room key.

Sept. 10 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 10 – Lost Property – At 2243 Liberty St., there was a report of a lost wallet.

Sept. 10 – Injured Visitor – In the Life Sports Center, office areas, there was a report of an injured visitor. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The individual was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS.

Sept. 10 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS.

Sept. 10 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Residents were spoken to and advised that they will be issued a Disruptive Conduct Report from the College. Allentown Police will issue a sweep ticket for the noise violation. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 11 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. The student was cited by the Allentown Police Department for Underage Consumption. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 11 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On Chew St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. Two students were cited by Allentown Police Department for Underage Consumption. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 11 – Sick Student – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 11 – Beer Games/Trophies/Kegs/Paraphernalia – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found beer can. It is unknown who left the item. A Campus Safety officer discarded the item.

Sept. 11 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – In the Trexler Library parking lot, there was a report of vandalism. An unknown person knocked over a port-a-potty. Plant Operations were notified. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 11 – Found Property – At the Seegers Union loading dock, there was a report of a found car key. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. They key was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 11 – Suspicious Person – In Brown Hall, there was a report of a suspicious person. Allentown Police Department responded. The investigation will continue.

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WEEKLY Life!

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."
- Oscar Wilde

Brian Sims: Star college athlete, Pennsylvania's bench pressing champion, policy attorney, and gay rights activist

By Nicole Pisani
Life Writer

On Sept., 12 National Speaker Brian Sims came to the College. Mr. Sims is currently a policy attorney in Philadelphia, as well as an advocate for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) Equality. Sims attended Bloomsburg University and was the captain of his football team which won the 2000 National Championship for Division II.

At the onset of the talk, Sims enticed the crowd of athletes, all of whom were intently listening in the Miller Forum. He was extremely charismatic, often pointing out small stories in his life which habitually left listeners in a state of laughter or amazement. One story, Sims decided to include was his immense victory, attaining the Pennsylvania's bench- pressing record.

The record stands today, an astounding 500 pounds. (It took a few seconds for a crowd of athletes to process that). To this day, Sims receives calls saying that his record may finally be broken. He never tends to worry though, as the people who have come close to eradicating his record are often disqualified for being on steroids.

Sims spent a large portion of his time discussing his experience of coming out with his college team at Bloomsburg. He continuously emphasized the fact that he was living in a completely different era than today. Despite the less accepting nature of previous years, the reaction of Sims' team was remarkably accepting.

When Sims was in college he lived with the nine guys on his offensive line for four years. Although he had a strong connection with them, he jokingly marked them as all having the "social skills of pet rocks." Brian Sims never intended on coming out to his team, as he did not want to disrupt their strong dynamic. Yet one day Sims was confronted with the question he longed to avoid.

Brian Sims takes the field.
Photo Courtesty of Nicole Pisani

After a college Jell-O Wrestling tournament hosted by a few fraternities, Sims was walking with his teammates. Without any warning the quarterback, Eric, bluntly asked Sims a question.

"Yo Sims, you gay?"

Sims stated he always wanted to have a really good response to that question if it was ever asked. Since he had been completely caught off guard, he replied

"Ya man, thanks for asking."

Sims was anxious about his teammate's reaction. His concern quickly diminished with Eric's response.

"Cool I'm alright with that, do you think I'm hot?"

Sims could only laugh at his teammate and joke that Eric was not his type. It seemed that the entire team of 87 guys followed this path of acceptance. Sims stated that over the course of the next few months, every guy on the team felt the need to personally come up to him and make it known that they were okay with him being gay. Sims made it clear that most of the conversations shared a joint pattern.

"So dude, you're into dudes. That's cool."

With the support of Sims team, he became the only known openly gay football captain in NCAA history.

Along with crazy stories, Sims presented startling statistics of individuals ranging from eighteen to thirty. He stated that four out of five people support gay issues.

Regardless of this positive breakthrough, only one out of every three people believes their peers have these views.

Today's generation is irrefutably not giving themselves enough credit. Another related statistic is that four out of five people would still support a team if their star player were gay. Yet once again there are also one in three people who do not think their peers have these views.

At the end of the presentation, Sims asked the audience to assist gay rights by doing one task. He asked everyone who attended his presentation to talk to anyone who was not there. Brian Sims believes gay rights has been so successful because of the strong acceptance by those who are not gay. These "unexpected allies" are the key to gaining equality.

It is the job of society to keep talking about these issues in order to make it known that times are changing. Whether we have a beloved teammate, family member, or friend who is gay, we all have someone for whom we can advocate.

Pistachio's Bar and Grille...
No, I'm not talking about the nut

By Avni Mittal
Life Writer

If you're looking for chic, a comfortable atmosphere, a good time and of course delicious food, Pistachio's is the place for you. I recently went to Pistachio's with a friend. Whenever I drive by it is packed, families sitting outside laughing, the bar is crowded, and tables full. So I asked my friend if she would like to go and see what the deal was.

First off, the menu offers a variety of dishes, tons of pastas, salads, chicken, fish, beef, you name it. You can even do healthy swaps meaning, if rice comes with your entrée, you can tell your server you want vegetables instead for no cost. So I decided on the salmon and my friend got a grilled chicken salad.

While waiting, a woman with bread came around and offered a roll. It was fluffy and warm and melted in your mouth. Soon after, our meals came out. I cut my piece of fish and it was cooked to perfection, nice and crispy. On the side I got asparagus and other vegetables. My friend's salad also looked very good. There was a ton of grilled chicken, not just a couple pieces.

The menu offers a variety of dishes...you can even do healthy swaps.

After our meal we were more than satisfied and I realized why Pistachio's is such hopping place. I even told my friend from the College and she ended up going there for her birthday.

So if you're looking for good food away from the Wood Dining Commons, definitely try Pistachio's.

The prices are affordable and worth it. Reservations are recommended for the weekends.

For information on directions and reservations, call 610-435-7007.

The Career Center:
Upcoming events you won't want to miss

By Torie Paone
Executive Editor

Make sure you add the following events to your calender:

"So You Think You Can Write?"-Tuesday, Sept. 20, 12:45-1:15 p.m. At this event there will be informal discussions as to how you can revamp and add unique style to your cover letter.

"Deal or No Deal"-Tuesday, Sep. 27, 12:45-1:15 p.m. You will want to attend this discussion as important interview tips will be revealed. These skills will help you to obtain a job or internship you have been aching to obtain.

"Ga Ga for Grad School"-Tuesday, Oct. 4, 12:45-1:15 p.m. Those seniors who are looking for their applications to be pushed to the "YES" pile will want to attend this event.

"Minute to Win it"-Tuesday, Oct. 18, 12:45-1:15 p.m. If you haven't had the opportunity to take the Basic Speech course then you will want to come to this event. You will learn to sell yourself in an interview by learning essential speech techniques.

"Come at Me Bro"-Tuesday, October 25, 12:45-1:15 p.m. Melissa Hess, Campus Recruiter from ADP will discuss how to approach employers at Muhlenberg's upcoming job/internship fair.

All of these events will be held downstairs in Seegers Union in the Seminar Room in the Academic Resource Center.

The faculty at the Career Center can guide students into the right direction when writing resumes, constructing cover letters, developing applications for graduate school and law school, and much more. The information students can obtain is invaluable.

Do not worry about signing up ahead of time as these are informal discussions.For more information please visit www.muhlenberg.edu/careercenter or email the Career Center at careers@muhlenberg.edu. You can also call the Career Center at 484-664-3170.

September 13, 2011

Dear Muhlenberg Students,

We write out of a shared concern about our community and how the behavior of a small minority is affecting our shared quality of life, the well-being of our neighbors, and the reputation of our College.

In the first ten days of the fall semester we experienced:

- Two loud and out-of -control parties at off-campus houses characterized by alcohol abuse, including the serving of alcohol to underage students;
- Students in an off-campus house starting a fire on their porch that resulted in action by APD and that, had it not been extinguished quickly, could have caused damage to neighboring houses and their occupants.
- Twelve students have been transported to the hospital for excessive alcohol consumption – *four times* the number conveyed to hospitals by this time a year ago.
- Obscene and harassing behavior by drunken student "fans" at a men's soccer game that drove parents and younger siblings of opposing players from the soccer stadium and have prompted the university involved to consider canceling further contests at Muhlenberg.

We believe that the overwhelming majority of students share our disappointment and disapproval of those members of our community who have demonstrated such blatant disrespect for themselves, for our neighborhood, and for our values. We understand that we share our campus and our neighborhood with many other individuals, including families with small children, senior citizens, and others for whom disrupted sleep, property damage, extra litter, and rude behavior are not only unpleasant, but a real hardship.

We call on this majority to join us in speaking up to the irresponsible few whose behavior is compromising our quality of life and reputation, harming the well-being and injuring our relations with our neighbors, and jeopardizing their own health. It's time for those who like to party to remember that excessive drinking, noise, and rude behavior are unhealthy, anti-social, and immature.

Needless to say, there will be judicial consequences for those who violate the standards of our community. But it is even more important that, as a community, we bear witness to what we stand for. We ask you to join us in making your disapproval clear to those members of our community who have demonstrated a lack of common sense, common courtesy, and common decency. We have a shared responsibility to stand up for what we believe.

We are better than this. We need to live our values.

Sincerely,

Randy Helm
Randy Helm
President

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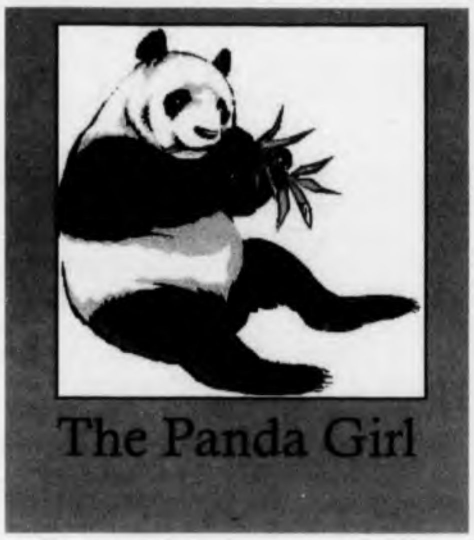

The Panda Girl... The Weekly's Advice Column

Dear Panda Girl-

I thought I'd ask you this at the start of the semester, rather than waiting until I'm mega swamped. Any tips on keeping myself on top of stuff, and not cramming at the last minute in November when suddenly everything is due?

-Frazzled in the Future

Dear Frazzled-

Smart you! Now is the best time to start some good habits that you'll be glad you did when the end of November hits. Here's a 5 point list to organize the chaos and keep you sane throughout the semester:

1. Invest in a planner, and USE IT.

Planners are a fabulous thing. They are a great breakdown of your week, so you don't accidentally double-book meetings or overwhelm yourself with homework on one night. When a teacher gives an assignment, write it in your planner. You know that syllabus thing you got in every class? Yeah, those have important dates on them, so mark those in your planner NOW, so they don't sneak up on you. Planners provide a visual representation of your week/month, which can help you plan accordingly.

2. Stick to a schedule. Seriously.

If you look at your planner, and see that your Thursday nights are always full, well then you'll have to work around that. Plan out your week so that you never have too much to do at one time, and stick to your plan. Don't blow one assignment off until tomorrow, because you never know what kind of snowball effect that might have. Try and spread out your work load so you don't spread your nerves thin trying to get things done the night before.

3. Schedule some fun in there too.

Keep blocks of time open for food and fun. It'll keep you sane. Keep a chunk free to just do whatever you feel like doing at that time. Maybe sleeping or snacking or what have you.

4. Know thyself.

Pay attention to your own study and work habits. Do you work best in your own room, or in a working space like the library? Do you need quiet, or study music? Do you like to sleep late, or go to bed early? Knowing how and when you work best is the most valuable tool in your metaphorical toolbox. Schedule work during those hours when you work best, maybe just after dinner or during the afternoon. Put yourself in a place where you click into work mode, and get some stuff done.

5. Unplug.

We are trapped by our own time. Our generation is so connected to the rest of the world, we tend to be a little scattered and distracted. I know full well the addicting power of StumbleUpon. In that block of time you set to get some work done, turn off your internet. Unplug the Ethernet cable, switch your wi-fi off, and turn your cell phone off. Not to vibrate, OFF. It is very easy to turn a quick e-mail check into a two hour long Facebook session. I know it sounds harsh, but you've got to do it. Have some discipline, set a goal, and tell yourself you cannot plug back into the world until you've reached it.

If using the internet is an absolute must for your assignment, use a browser you don't normally use, one that doesn't have a list of your favorite bookmarks; one that does not automatically log you into Facebook; one that does not remember your passwords to anything beyond Blackboard, Capstone, and your Muhlenberg email. This will help you stay focused on the task at hand, doing your research or what have you.

One way to escape the necessity of the computer is to print out readings from blackboard as early as possible, and keep them handy. That way, you don't need to go online to print them, and thus have the vulnerability of being sucked into the internet's time consuming trap.

I'm full of tips and tricks for organizing life's chaos, always feel free to write again if you want some more advice.

Cheers! The Panda Girl

Don't be afraid to ask for advice as I can most likely relate to the problem, or have had personal experience in the matter. College isn't easy and I would love to help if I can. Please remember to send your letters to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or drop them in the campus mail to Box 2072.

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Sept. 15

1) Zumba Gold from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the Life Sports Center

2) Common Hour: Stephen Vladeck, Professor of Law, American University at SGU 108-109

3) Common Hour: Africana Lecture Series at SGU Great Room

4) Common Hour: Constitution Day Brown Bag at SGU 108-109

5) Common Hour: How Can FCT Support Faculty? at SGU 111-112

6) Common Hour: Our Community Garden, Eating Through the Seasons at 2208 Chew St. (MILE House backyard

Fri. Sept. 16

1) Reunion/Homecoming 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

2) Shabbat Dinner from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Hillel

3) Field Hockey from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Scotty Wood Stadium

4) Volleyball from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall

Sat. Sept. 17

1) Reunion/Homecoming 2011 from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

2) Football from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Scotty Wood Stadium

3) Alumni Recital from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the CA

4) Movie: The Bridesmaids from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Alumni Basketball Courts

Sun. Sept. 18

1) Reunion/Homecoming 2011 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Write for Life!

Are you interested in writing about events that occur on campus? Do you enjoy writing about music, theatre, or the arts?

If interested contact Marissa Schaktman @ ms238995@muhlenberg.edu

Sports and Healing

By Jeremy Fuchs
Weekly Sports Writer

Ten years ago last Sunday, the unthinkable happened. 9/11. There's no need to further describe what happened or its implications. We already know.

Because of that horrific event, the sporting world, which is not accustomed to responding to the outside world, had to pause. The NFL delayed the opening of its season. And with good reason. There's no playbook for responding to tragedy.

Still, despite the absence, sports, when it did return, provided an important function: it made people forget about life for awhile.

When anything awful happens, sports provides an outlet. For three or so hours, you're focused on the game. You're not thinking about terrorists or anything else. You're thinking about the game.

And that release, that distraction, is crucial. Without it, we would've have been holed up in fear, doing exactly what the terrorists wanted us to do. Instead, we came together, screamed chants of "USA! USA! USA!" and gave a message to the terrorists that we aren't going down without a fight.

Athletes were particularly helpful, offering their time in the clean up and rescue efforts. While athletes don't have to perform acts of public service, their presence and support was no doubt meaningful to the people who were at the front lines.

Being from New York myself, I can attest to the power that the New York area teams had. While I may have been too young to understand what was truly going on, watching the reaction of my parents and watching them smile for a few hours was comforting, as in those three or four hours they forgot about what happened and did not think about what might be happening.

The outcome of the game didn't really matter. Although the Yankees made it to the World Series, eventually losing, the fact that they got there was enough. Magical walk-off home runs on back-to-back nights, the crowning of Derek Jeter as Mr. November, the wearing of the FDNY and NYPD caps, President Bush throwing out the first pitch to a sold out crowd in the Bronx, giving the thumbs up, and throwing a perfect strike was enough.

The country didn't need sports to make what happened go away. It's not something that ever will go away. The events of that day will be etched in our memory for the rest of our lives. But while sports couldn't make it go away, it gave us a moment of necessary respite. While the Yankees might have lost that World Series, in dramatic fashion, the run to the World Series provided a crucial outlet and with the Giants and Jets seasons just starting it gave us something to look forward to every Sunday, returning us to a sense of normalcy that is so important.

While some things in sports changed because of the events of 9/11, like increased security, having to get patted down at every stage (making life generally uncomfortable), there are some things that didn't change. Sports, whether it is baseball, football, basketball, or anything with a ball and rules, provided the most important outlet at the most important time. We didn't ask for sports to do anything. Its natural state did it for us. It wasn't the be-all-end-all, and there is certainly still, ten years later, a ways to go. But in that crucial three months, when our world was turned upside down, sports provided just the littlest bit of distraction. And that was enough.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football
(1-1; 1-0 CC)
9/10 @ F&M W 34-13

Men's Soccer
(3-0, 0-0 CC)
9/10 @ Moravian W 2-0

Women's Soccer
(3-1, 0-0 CC)
9/9 @ Gwynedd-Mercy W 3-0
9/10 Delaware Valley W 4-1

Field Hockey
(0-3, 0-0 CC)
9/10 @ Montclair State L 4-1

Volleyball
(2-7, 0-0 CC)

Buttermaker Tournament 9/9-9/10
Messiah L 0-3
Kean L 1-3
St. Mary's L 0-3
Albright W 3-1

Women's Soccer Breaks Out

By Joy Forlenza
Sports Editor

With rain pelting the Lehigh Valley for much of the past week, the Muhlenberg women's soccer team was forced to practice inside the John Deitrich Field House.

And while the facility is a nice alternative for when conditions outside are subpar, soccer was meant to be played outdoors.

So when the Mules finally got a chance to play a full 90 minutes outside at Gwynedd-Mercy on Friday night, they let loose their frustrations from being pent up inside by cruising past the Griffins, 3-0.

"We kept getting confined to the field house this past week," junior Alyssa Meola, who led the Mules with two goals, said. "It's hot in there, and we can't really practice like we can on a full field. So being outside for the whole time tonight was exciting, and I think our play showed that."

While the Mules (2-1) controlled play for much of the first half, they were kept off the board until the 42nd minute when senior Meghan O'Grady took off on a breakaway towards Gwynedd-Mercy's net.

Stuck in a one-on-one situation, the Griffin goalie charged and slid, taking out O'Grady and grabbing the ball with her hands outside of the penalty box. She was given a red card, and Muhlenberg was awarded a free kick from just outside the 18.

Meola took the kick and chipped it over the Gwynedd-Mercy (0-2-1) wall. The ball hit the bottom of the cross bar and bounced into the back of the net, giving the Mules a 1-0 lead at the break.

Less than 15 minutes into the second half, Meola struck again when she buried a crossing pass that deflected off of a Griffin defender to push the advantage to two.

"Getting those two goals felt great, but I didn't really do all that much," Meola said. "It was a total team effort tonight, and I'm just glad I was able to finish to help my team. We were really excited to play tonight, and I think we played pretty well."

O'Grady got redemption for the earlier breakaway when she tallied her first goal of the season in the 66th minute to close out the scoring. Muhlenberg held a 15-4 advantage in shots and did not allow a shot on goal.

The win was Muhlenberg's second in the first three games of the season. By comparison, it took the Mules eight games to pick up their second win last fall. According to Meola, the secret to this season's fast start has been a strong bond and desire to win.

"We have really good team chemistry," Meola said. "We all get along so well and want to win so bad. We know we have to work hard for each other if we want to achieve our goals. We are all on the same page right now, and we keep getting better each game."

UPCOMING GAMES

Football
(1-1, 1-0 CC)
Sat. 9/17 vs. McDaniel 2:00

Women's Soccer
(3-1, 0-0 CC)
Sat. 9/17 @ McDaniel 7:00
Wed. 9/21 @ Haverford 7:00

Men's Soccer
(3-0, 0-0 CC)
Sat. 9/17 vs. McDaniel 4:00
Mon. 9/19 vs. Haverford 7:00

Volleyball
Fri. 9/16 vs. McDaniel 7:00
Tues. 9/20 vs. Moravian 7:00

Field Hockey
(0-3, 0-0 CC)
Fri. 9/16 vs. McDaniel 7:30
Tues. 9/20 vs. Haverford 7:30

Cross Country
Sat. 17 Falcon Classic @ Cedar Crest

Is there something wrong with college sports?

By Evan Kasakove
Sports Asst. editor

Two major scandals from Ohio State University and the University of Miami have brought to the forefront two important and ubiquitous questions surrounding major college sports, is there something seriously wrong with the system or players and should college athletes be paid a stipend.

To answer these questions in a rational manner we must first look at the two incidents that have sparked widespread national attention. In December 2010 at Ohio State, five football players were suspended for the first five games of next season for allegations of trading their autographs for tattoos and selling University-given memorabilia items. It was also reported that head football coach Jim Tressel received e-mails implicating his players in the receiving of the aforementioned improper benefits yet he failed to report these claims to the University or NCAA. Coach Tressel was reprimanded in the form of a $250,000 fine (Tressel's annual salary is approximately $3.5 million) and a two-game suspension. Later, in June 2011, *Sports Illustrated* reported these claims were expanded upon revealing at least 28 other players were also involved and, about a month later, Tressel was fired.

No head coach was fired at the University of Miami, but their scandal was much more extensive. Miami booster Nevin Shapiro, convicted in 2010 for securities fraud and money laundering from a Ponzi scheme, self-reported to the media that he had used investor funds to give an estimated $2 million to 72 former or current Miami Hurricane football and basketball players, violating four major NCAA bylaws regarding impermissible compensation to coaches, amateurism of athletes, improper recruiting activity, and extra benefits to athletes.

Both of these incidents blackened the reputation of their respective universities and reignited the notions that the institutional nature of college athletics, the players, and the actors involved with the teams and schools has been and is corrupted in some way. So is there a bigger problem outside of these two schools? The answer is yes and no.

Cheating is rampant throughout major college sports. This statement is a straightforward indisputable conception admitted by both coaches and media alike. Acknowledging this is not meant to indicate that everyone is cheating or that it is a terminal and totally devastating problem, but to assert the well-accepted but inconvenient truth that there is a lot of cheating in college sports.

Without a doubt the cheating needs to be addressed and a recent meeting amongst university presidents brainstormed certain changes that aim to decrease cheating, such as harsher penalties for NCAA violators to act as more of a deterrent. Changes in these matters are typically slow and there do not seem to be many gung-ho optimists who feel real positive change is coming based on past history.

Now for the editorializing part, I don't know enough about the problem or the system to recommend change, but I do believe there is a strong moral imperative to stop cheating because, and this may sound radical, but cheating is wrong. For those who don't believe me you are probably morally lost and are likely beyond reason, but for everyone else, cheating is wrong and tarnishes a great experience for players and fans and it must be addressed swiftly and strongly. One idea for positive change in college sports is paying major college athletes in basketball and football, proponents typically cite the millions of dollars in TV revenue the schools receive from these major college teams.

Before I give my take on whether or not college athletes should get money it is imperative to state that this stipend and matters of cheating and corruption regarding players who are paid to play for a school or receive extra benefits is entirely *unrelated*. They are unrelated because no amount of money that players receive will ever stop cheating because among various other factors the benefits simply outweigh the costs.

Another argument for paying college athletes is they are too poor to pay for the essentials like food. But do these same people realize that almost all of these big time athletes already receive full scholarships, free tuition, room and board, and books? I am fairly sure I could count on one hand the number of Division I football players going hungry.

The real question is whether these student-athletes, who bring in millions of dollars to the school, deserve compensation or a portion of this money they helped generate. Some say it's only fair to the players, but I believe the opposite to hold true. I don't necessarily like to think of some greedy administrator reaping the benefits off of student-athletes playing a game and the players getting none of the money in return, but just because they are not getting paid money for their services that does not mean they are not getting paid. Most of these big time athletes already receive full scholarships and in return they get to play a sport at the highest amateur level and they also get this thing called an education, which is a highly valued commodity financially and personally.

I think the way people perceive these athletes is just as that, athletes, and so they don't necessarily realize that they gain all the social benefits of being a regular college student that everyone else does. They are certainly not regular students in many respects, considering the high costs and commitment of being a major college athlete which can be difficult to quantify, but the benefits are equally as high and are also difficult to quantify. Yes, it seems as if these players are being exploited when everyone else seems to profit financially while they don't see a dime of all that TV money, and that is a lot of money. But not many people get to play a game they love, get an education, and be infinitely better off for it in the future. Because as difficult and serious as sports can be when it comes to performing at a high level and the vast pressure of winning, the lessons and benefits an athlete receives are ones that last a lifetime. If anyone who has a job today and says that team work or work ethic or resiliency are not important, if not vital, to their jobs then they are probably someone who never learned those lessons for success. Those lessons you learn from sports are something only a former college athlete who has actually experienced it can to attest to.

If you ask a former college athlete who happens to be successful in terms of career or more importantly the relationships he keeps why are you successful? Part of his answer will invariably be because of what he learned when he had the privileged opportunity to play a college sport. As one former college basketball star recollected on what he learned as player from his coach he said, "But the most important thing of all about Coach K is that he taught me principles and values that I will carry with me the rest of my life. Those principles and values transcend basketball. They can be a guide for success in whatever you do in life—whether it's running a big business, ministering to a church, coaching a sports team, or simply trying to achieve your dreams."

And that is what is most important.

Homecoming and Mule pride

By Joy Forlenza
Sports Editor

In case you didn't get the memo, homecoming is this weekend! Tons of alumni will come back and be more excited than ever to revisit Muhlenberg's campus - their former home and our current home. For a long time I never realized why homecoming was a big deal to some of the actual students—it seemed like a weekend that's filled with events that aren't meant for us anyway. But in many ways the sports games make Homecoming an important event for the entire College community.

When alumni come back to watch the football game, they want to regain that sense of pride that they had for their school when they were in our shoes. The same pride that they took with them when they graduated that has forever become some part of who they are today. For them it's great to see that sense of pride still strong at the school now. Some alumni who haven't been as active may come back hoping to remind themselves of the experience they had at the College. Most of them will want to relive the moments of their college years that they are nostalgic about, such as sitting in the bleachers and having fun with their friends. Former athletes may want to reconnect with their teammates. This is because, for many people, the football games are one of the events where their friendships and endeavors all began.

As students, we have an unwritten obligation to show that the pride for our school is still strong. Wouldn't you be sad if you came back to find that your school, your team, or something else you loved at one point didn't have the same energy or support that it used to? The best way we can do that is by going out to support the football team during the homecoming game and by going to any other homecoming sporting events. We should all be doing that sort of thing every weekend, but this weekend it is especially important. First of all, we should love our sports teams. They represent our school in a way that other colleges remember the most. Sure, having strong academics and the best college theater in the country represents the College well, but most other colleges put more emphasis on how their sports teams do and take pride in how they do against other colleges—even if they're only Division III. Our games may not have the media attention and tailgating experience of a Division I game at Rutgers but a game is a game, they're fun to watch!

Therefore, I highly encourage you all to attend the homecoming games. It is a fun bonding experience that the whole campus can take part in, and that also brings current students and alumni together. The athletes here work as hard as professional athletes even though they're only in Division III and they would appreciate your support as well.

Be sure to check out our " Upcoming Games" section. GO MULES!

Aerial view of Scotty Wood Stadium!

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Football picks off Diplomats in CC opener

By Joy Forlenza
Sports Editor

They call themselves the "1-2 punch," and on Saturday afternoon the running back tandem of Terrence Dandridge '13, who wears uniform No. 1, and J.T. Merklinger '13, who sports No. 2, was more than enough to help the Muhlenberg Football team knock out Franklin & Marshall, 34-13, in the Centennial Conference opener for both squads.

The duo combined for 126 yards on the ground and four touchdowns, two for each, as the Mules scored their most points against the Diplomats since 2003.

"This was a total team effort," Merklinger said. "The defense put us in good spots all game, and the offensive line did a great job for me and Terrence. This was a solid game all around, and it feels good to start the conference season off with a win."

While the offense did its part, Muhlenberg's defense continued to come up with big plays. The Mules picked off four passes and sacked F&M quarterbacks seven times, including three from Senior Victor Taiwo, to give the offense good field position all game long.

After giving up a field goal on F&M's opening drive, Muhlenberg's defense forced a punt on the second drive that set the Mules up near midfield. Dandridge carried the ball four times for 29 yards, and then Freshman Michael Long made a diving, one-handed catch to put the ball at the one.

Four plays later, Merklinger found paydirt to give the Mules a 7-3 lead with one tick left on the first quarter clock.

With a little more than five minutes to play in the second quarter, Sophomore Richard Reid gave the Mules (1-1, 1-0) their first turnover of the game, returning an interception 54 yards to F&M's 26 yards.

Two minutes later, Merklinger scored his second touchdown of the game from six yards out to stretch the advantage to 14-3. Taking over at their own 27-yard line with 3:27 to play in the half, F&M (0-2, 0-1) looked to cut into the lead before the break. But Junior Tim Vogel grabbed his first career interception at the Muhlenberg 35-yard line and returned it 19 yards to give the Mules a chance for more points before the half.

Six plays later, Dandridge scampered four yards for a touchdown with 43 seconds remaining in the half to give Muhlenberg a 21-3 lead at the break.

"You always have to be ready for whenever coach is going to call your number," said Vogel, who made the first start of his career against the Diplomats. "I just happened to be in the right place at the right time, and I'm just glad that I could make a couple plays to help the team."

Running back Junior J.T. Merklinger on his way to make a rushing touchdown!

Photo by Muhlenberg Athletics

But the Mule defense was not satisfied with just two interceptions. With a little more than five minutes to play in the third quarter, Senior Andy Curley stepped in front of an F&M pass and returned it 26 yards to Diplomat's 4 yards. It was the first pick of his career and set up Dandridge's 3-yard touchdown run that pushed the advantage to 27-3.

That score awakened the Diplomat offense. F&M scored 10 answered points and appeared poised to get even closer after forcing the Mules into a third-and-11 situation from their own 5-yard line with 6:47 to play.

But Junior Dan Deighan hit classmate Isaiah Vaughn '13 near the 45-yard line. Vaughn shook off the defender and turned on the jets that have helped him win five CC track medals to complete the 95-yard touchdown catch.

That play, the longest reception in school history, pushed Vaughn past the century mark for the first time in his career and proved to be the deciding blow.

After coming up just short in last weekend's opener, Merklinger said the Mules were even more fired up to face the Diplomats, who had won five of the previous seven meetings."The junior class had never beaten them," Merklinger said of F&M. "So we really wanted to come out and take it to them today. As an offense, we felt like we let the team down last week, but this week we showed what we can really do."

Making the first start of his career, Sophomore Kory Crichton tied for the team lead with nine tackles, all solo. Senior Patrick McDonough also added nine stops and a career-high two sacks.

Want to write for Sports? Join our team!

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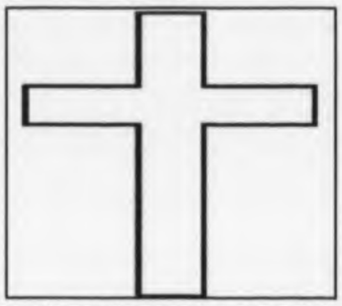

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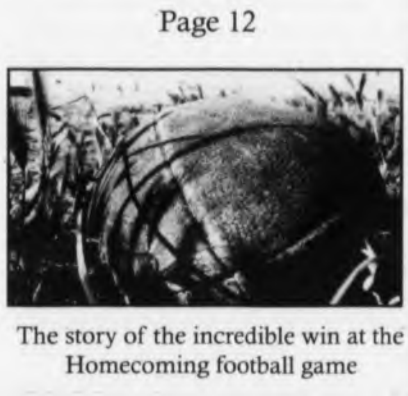

The story of the incredible win at the Homecoming football game

Homecoming Weekend infuses campus with spirit

By Jennifer Freed
News Editor

Red and gray figures crowded the bustling gymnasium as the College's Homecoming stirred up another large turn out Thursday night.

Homecoming Queen Rachel Jakubowitcz and her friends.

Photo by Julia Cagin

Phil Weisgold and Leigh Boorstein stepped onto the basketball courts with spirited voices, getting the crowd immediately excited for the weekend's events. Meanwhile, alumni from 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 2001, and 2006 celebrated Reunion, while honoring Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's 300th Birthday.

The campus was buzzing with activity as many alumni saw the College community in full swing with many of their favorite professors and current students. Thursday night started off right with Homecoming spirit and all of the College's finest teams stepped up to get the school enthused for the weekend. Each Senior captain spoke about his or her current athletic progress this season and wished other teams luck for the remainder of the year. After a few words, out came the dance teams! First, the cheerleading squad aimed to get the crowd excited and then the Perculators, MINT, and Soul Steppers danced their way onto the court to perform an amazing routine.

Friday night the campus was buzzing about MAC's (Muhlenberg Activities Council) big Homecoming Neon Party under the tent. The turnout was smaller than the previous night due to the temperature change, but despite the inclement weather, many students dressed up in hot pinks, neon yellows, greens, and blues to dance and eat the delicious assortment of candy spread out across tables.

On Saturday, more College alumni shuffled around campus reminiscing over their college memories and enjoying the various new additions to the school. At approximately 2:00 p.m. all College football fans, friends, family, students, and alumni made their way onto the bleachers as Muhlenberg put up a fight against rival McDaniel College. The main event of the Homecoming game is traditionally the half-time show, which takes weeks to plan to ensure it lives up to the standards the College expects. Before the Perculators, MINT, the Soul Steppers, and the cheerleaders could perform, the Homecoming Court was presented. The Homecoming Court consisted of four girls: Shira Kleinman, Rachel Jakubowitcz, Kaitie Burger, and Candace Eaton; and four boys: Phil Weisgold, Kadeem Alston-Roman, Jeffrey Brancato, and Kelly Kirkley. Rachel Jakubowitcz and Kelly Kirkley won the honor of Homecoming Queen and King, respectfully. However, it is a huge honor for all the participants of the Homecoming Court. The following people of the Homecoming court commented on their experience:

Kaitie Burger: "Being selected for the 2011 Homecoming Court was definitely a huge honor. I was very excited to be able to represent the Senior Class along with my fellow nominees. Homecoming weekend is always one of my favorite parts of the school year - I love to see all the alumni and so much 'Berg spirit on campus and being a part of the Homecoming Court just made it even more special. I think my favorite part of the entire process was during the actual football game when we were presented on the field and, of course, the huge win by the football team!"

Jeff Brancato: "It was quite a surprise to have been nominated by my peers and then again by the nomination panel to the Homecoming Court! I was so honored and humbled to have even been considered. I really feel that our Court spanned a very wide basis of campus life (in terms of our involvement on campus). In addition, I love that our Court wasn't what many people would view as the "traditional" Homecoming Court, and that is what makes Muhlenberg so special. I am honored to have been able to take part in Muhlenberg history by being on the Homecoming Court and send my heartfelt congrats to Kelly and Rachel, who truly deserve this honor!"

Phil Weisgold: "I would say my only 'experiences' during the process were the interview, which was extremely entertaining, and then of course the Pep Rally and the game itself. As for the interview, I got to divulge some stories of my pre-Freshman and Freshman year before I really knew how Muhlenberg 'worked' so to say. At the Pep Rally it was extremely great to be able to host for the second year in a row with one of my best friends, Leigh Boorstein, and then to be presented as a candidate for Homecoming Court with another of my best friends, Shira Kleinman. Once at the game I got very nervous walking onto the field. Obviously finding out that I did not win wasn't the highlight of the game but actually seeing my fraternity brothers, our new members, administrators, staff, and my closest friends cheering me on and chanting my name with their signs made me feel like I was still their King."

Kadeem Alston-Roman: "Being nominated for Homecoming Court was a real treat and true honor. After being chosen as one of the nominees by the Senior Class and finding out that my interview with the Homecoming panel was a success, I was proud that I made it to where I did. Although winning the crown was the ultimate goal, I am glad that I had the privilege to stand on the field with an amazing group of finalists. Kelly K. and Rachel J. are amazing people and I am truly happy for them. They deserve it."

Shira Kleinman: "Homecoming and being on the Court was so fun! I went to a Jewish day school where we had no Homecoming Court or anything like that so it was very exciting from the get go! The process was a lot of fun because the candidates are not just selected by your peers but also by school administrators which means a lot. It was an honor to be nominated and it was fun to see all my friends out supporting the mules and all the candidates. Even though I lost, it was great to be able to return to the stands to see my family, current students, and alumni so excited that I got such a fantastic experience!"

Rachel Jakubowitcz: "Being a part of the process was really awesome. It was something I always wanted to do since my high school didn't have Homecoming Queen or King. It is really nice to be able to represent the College and my fellow students because I feel like the title isn't just for myself or the crown and sash. It's me representing the clubs I'm a part of, my sorority, and the Senior Class. I am so thankful to my friends for voting and sharing this special honor with me."

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Beware the Ides of Rain

Unfortunately for us, our lovely college is located in the almost-always rainy Lehigh Valley, which means most often we are forced to endure rain between our dorms and the academic buildings. This means that we are forced to wear our rain boots and other rain apparel, hoping beyond hope that we do not hit anyone in the head with our umbrellas while carrying coffee and/or food.

However, when you are not busy trying to skip around puddles and avoid getting wet, here are some ideas to keep you occupied:

1. Do homework. Whether it is homework that was due last week or homework that is due next month, it is always good to get it out of the way.
2. Catch up on your TV shows, such as *Glee*, *Entourage*, *Dancing with the Stars*, and whichever *Real Housewives* you happen to follow.
3. Watch your favorite movie for the thousandth time and say the lines along with the actors.
4. Grab your friends and play board games, especially *Apples to Apples* and *Scrabble*.
5. Bake cookies. It doesn't matter if they are chocolate chip, M&M, or just plain sugar, as long as they are delicious.
6. Write in your journal.
7. Go to the gym...and then take a shower.
8. Re-read that book that is falling apart at the spine because you've opened it so many times that you have it all memorized.
9. Listen to music. Even if you use that old-fashioned thing called a radio, remember to sing along with the words.
10. Read or write an article for the *Weekly*!

So don't let the rain get you too down. There are plenty of options for things to do around campus, even though the sun decides not to shine. Most importantly, don't stress because the rain can't stay around forever!

Sociological Theory of Pokémon

By Joshua Clement
Op/Ed Writer

There is a world that we all wanted to live in as a child. It's a world that was full of magic and mystery, and I still have the occasional (dry) dream about living there. This fantastical land that captured the imagination of my generation was Kanto, the birthplace of Pokémon. But as I look back onto my childhood dreams, I have come to realize that this magical land wasn't all that it seemed. It was like finding out that Santa Claus didn't exist by walking in on your mother unwrapping a man in a red suit individually unwrapping his pant's sausage. So, I apologize for what I am about to reveal. I'm sorry for illuminating this world built upon terror and fear a society with its foundation rested in slavery.

How one advances in the world of Pokémon (I will be sticking to the only version of Pokémon that matters, Red/Blue. I also will be operating on the idea that everyone has the same knowledge of Pokémon as I do; so if you do not… I don't care) is through catching Pokémon and battling other trainers, advancing gym by gym. All of the professions revolve around Pokémon, healing them, training them, studying them, and fighting with them. It's akin to dog fighting or an animalistic-based gladiator society, where the entire economy is based upon these animals. But if the Pokémon became the most valuable resource in the land, other than nuggets of course, and all other resources are only important due to their relation to Pokémon, then how are the Pokémon kept from being overhunted? How would the supply match the demand at the equilibrium point for Pokémon battling? It would wreak havoc with the ecosystem that their world depends on, completely destroying the natural ecosystem. Instead of living in harmony with the animals like we do (destroying their natural habitats and actually killing the animals instead of making them "faint"), the inhabitants of Kanto would suck the world dry. Humanity has latched on like a parasite to the lifeblood of their world, the Pokémon.

The food chain would be devastated. How many people would actually go out to catch all of the Rattatas and Zubats? No one; everyone would be out hunting the Dratinis and Abras of the world. The strongest Pokémon would be hunted to extinction, leaving a land populated by Rattatas and Zubats. And everyone hates Zubats.

Ignoring the obvious ecosystem problems, what kind of existence does the human society have in any case? It's a terrible society where children are taught that the only goal is to be the very best, and the only potential advancement you

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The stress of extracurricular activities and college

By Samanta Langner
Managing Editor

Last semester when I was deciding which classes to take, where to work, whether or not to rush a sorority, and in which activities to partake, I was very ambitious. Like most students here at the College, I decided I could do it all and not have to limit the amount of activities and classes I could take on, despite advice from my family, friends, and faculty that I was taking on too much. When I arrived back on campus in August, I could quickly tell that I had taken on too much and I immediately felt overwhelmed on the first day of classes when I had four classes (supposed to be five, but one was cancelled by Hurricane Irene-yes it's still relevant) and work, which amounted to being out of my room from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The following day I had two classes, work, and the *Weekly*, which resulted in being out of my room for over 12 hours at one time. The rest of my week was a little lighter, but being out of my room for over 10 hours per day. Following that really intense and exhausting week I decided to rush a sorority, perhaps one of the most time consuming activities besides classes. I was so stressed out and overwhelmed that I dropped out of rushing but was offered a bid and decided to join a sorority after realizing I did not want to limit myself.

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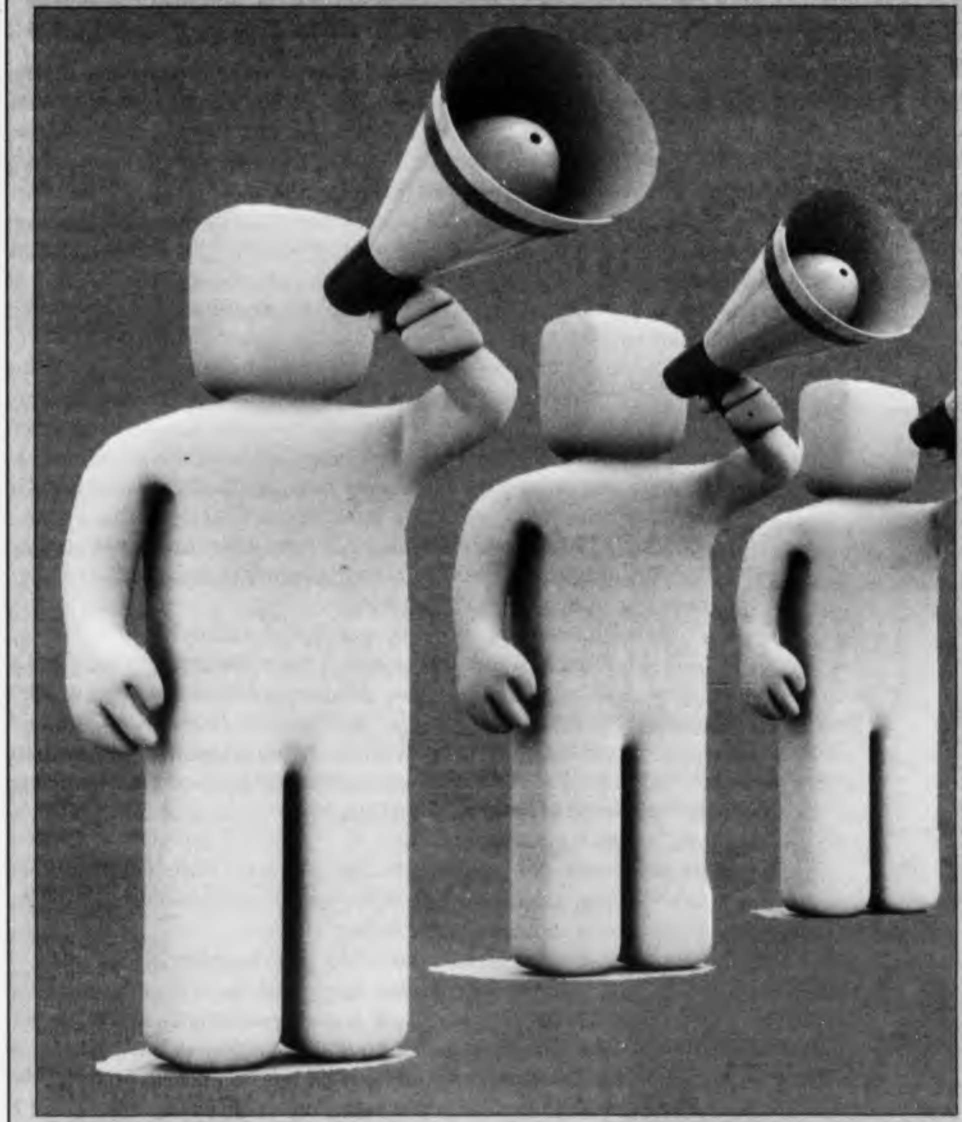
The third week of classes was the worst for me. I had two huge looming tests in classes that I felt really behind in and was very confused and overwhelmed. But I could not even sit down and study because I had to go to class, work, and all my other extracurricular activities. Granted, I was enjoying everything I was doing, but I was realizing there just were not enough hours in the day to accomplish everything that I needed to get done. Having fully come to this realization this past weekend while talking to my sister and her friends (who are College alumni!). While keeping in mind these were among the people who were telling me last semester not to take so much on, I started to fill them in on how busy I am and they all agreed that for my sanity and health I needed to not participate in something. This is when I really started to get upset because I did not want to drop anything because I loved and enjoyed all of them, which is why I to committed to them. After making the extremely difficult decision as to which activity not to participate in, which could only be completed by tears, I did not feel the so-called "freedom" or sense of relief that I hoped for, but rather I felt guilty for quitting something to which I had committed. Having been on the receiving and of quitters one too many times, I grew to feel more and more guilty. Being as this just happened this week, I have a sense of guilt that will not dissipate quickly but will stay with me for a long, long time.

> *"who has struggled with taking on too many commitments and then realizing , to quote a friend that they ' human and cannot possibly do everything'"*

Sorry for the long narrative, now let me get to the point of this article. I have full confidence that I am not the only one here at the College who has struggled with taking on too many commitments and then realizing, to quote a friend that they "are human and cannot possibly do everything." However, after going through this and talking to other students I realized this happens way too often here at the College and I started to think of why that is. I have come up with a few answers, one being that students simply do not realize how much time everything takes and are poor and managing their time and second being that there is a high demand for students to be involved. I am not sure exactly when or why or how, but I feel that there is a very high demand for students to be involved and not just in one club but five clubs and have leadership positions and get decent grades and work and then have time to socialize. Just writing all that out stresses me out! I think it is really hard for students to figure out the right the level of involvement for themselves, especially when there is such a demand for students to be so involved.

However, recognizing that you are overwhelmed is half the battle the other half is figuring out what to giving up and how not to feel guilty about it. I know I am only about three quarters there and I wish the rest of the student body the best of luck in figuring it out for themselves.



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have is based on the demise of others. It's capitalistic in nature, but based entirely around one resource: Pokémon. Although I would argue that Pokémon is anti-capitalistic in nature, as the main corporation throughout the game is represented by Team Rocket, an agency trying to capitalize on Pokémon, using them to make money. Team Rocket is demolished by the antics of an adolescent boy; he somehow takes down the entire corporation by battling the leader of Team Rocket, at which point the leader runs away. The game might as well have given Giovanni a monocle and named him Sir Capitalist Fatso. If anything the main character creates an unsustainable autocratic society. He becomes the de facto leader of the world, the Pokémon champion. His only goal now is to catch more Pokémon until the next challenger comes along. With Team Rocket gone the only economy left is based off of this rise and fall of Pokémon trainers. This would completely demolish the ecosystem.

If all the trainers are focused on training, and training by beating up Pokémon in the wild, then the wild Pokémon that are left are either almost always injured or the weak ones that aren't worth capturing. It's as if we would expect the deer population to survive with a year long hunting season, and the deer not killed would be left with broken bones and unhealed injuries. The system is unsustainable and would quickly drain the only resource that the society depends on, while Team Rocket would have had the business savvy to not completely drain their resources and would have cultivated the Pokémon.

The ramifications of this society are terrifying. The world of Pokémon as we see it is a modern age gladiator style combat arena, only pitting wild animals against each other for our benefit and monetary gain. It's a society where the strong get stronger and the rich get richer. Who would be able to challenge your autocratic rule after duplicating rare candies and nuggets infinitely by killing Missingnos? The main character wasn't successful because he loved his Pokémon more, but was because he had more resources at his disposal and was willing to kill more Pokémon and demolish the lives of more trainers than anyone else. We were just babes in the woods at the time, thinking we were the heroes of the story; only now it seems we were the villain? The real hero of the game was the small businessman.

Joining up with Team Rocket at a young age and revolutionizing the world by finding a new way to use voltorbs to power phone lines. The hero is Team Rocket, and we demolished them. I wish I could go back in time and change how I played, lending my resources to Team Rocket to create a sustainable economy and world. And kill all the goddamn Zubats.

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Interim chaplain appointed

By Melissa Roth
Editor-in-Chief

As most are aware, the College's current Chaplain, Peter Bredlau, will be leaving at the end of September. While the search committee has identified a handful of candidates for the position that they wish to pursue, it is not possible that Chaplain Bredlau's replacement will be appointed and ready to start at the College before his departure.

As a result, President Helm has selected Reverend John Bernsten to take over the position until a permanent replacement is determined. Reverend Bernsten has been approved to take the call by the Synod Council of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA and will arrive on campus full-time starting Oct. 1 and completing his term on Jan. 1, the goal date to have the new Chaplain start.

Reverend Bernsten is a graduate of St. Olaf College in Minnesota and read Philosophy and Political Science at Manchester College of Oxford University during his undergraduate studies. He earned his Master of Divinity from Yale University Divinity School in Connecticut and his Ph.D. in theological studies from Emory University in Georgia.

Throughout his career, Reverend Bernsten has served as pastor or senior pastor at various Lutheran churches throughout the State, with his most recent post as Director of Student Services at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He has also given several theological lectures, including here at the College in the late 1980s. He has also been published in a variety of religious publications.

Over the course of the next week or two, Reverend Bernsten will be meeting with Chaplain Bredlau, Chapel Program Coordinator, Tanya Schock, Jewish Chaplain and Hillel Director, Patti Mittleman, and Father John Krivak, along with other faculty and staff members, in order to plan a smooth transition into the campus community.

There will be an all-campus reception for Chaplain Bredlau and his family on Fri., Sept. 23 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Parents Plaza.

Do you keep track of all the important events on campus?

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Synovate survey: food for thought

By Evan Rehrig
Dining Services Marketing Manager

Sodexo conducts a web-based qualitative survey once per semester in conjunction with their research partner, Synovate. The survey targets both the Wood Dining Commons and the GQ, and the sample size is based on the number of transactions for each location.

The results of the survey provide Sodexo benchmark data to make comparisons of customer satisfaction year to year and semester to semester. This survey additionally contributes to regional and national benchmark data that enables Sodexo to compare customer satisfaction at the College with other colleges and universities from across the country.

The consistency of the survey process each semester is paramount to providing the College with valid measures of changes in the perception of dining on campus. Survey results become the basis for developing short and long-term program changes to ensure a continued high level of performance. Muhlenberg continues to enjoy a very high participation rate on this survey compared to other campuses in our region.

Evan Rehrig, Marketing Manager for Dining Services, believes "this is because customers feel that they are heard. The survey makes it easy to share with our team what is important to our students and community."

Survey results, often 60 or 70 pages of information, are shared with key stakeholders of the College administration and reviewed with the dining management team to develop short and long-term program changes to ensure a continued high level of performance.

This data is highly important to the success of the dining program at Muhlenberg and is a valuable conduit for the entire campus community to share their input. An action plan will be developed as soon as the results come in to make changes to enhance the dining experience on campus.

"This survey is the chance for students, faculty and staff to be heard and see change happen directly from these results. I highly encourage everyone at Muhlenberg to take the survey every semester," says Rehrig.

"Thank you everyone who has already taken the time to complete a survey. I encourage the campus community to continue to provide us with comments and suggestions through this survey process. Please continue to speak personally with our team members and use other effective methods, such as the napkin board to let us know how we are doing. Our team is committed to open communication and our focus is on service to the customer, and measuring our performance through this survey process will help us to build a dynamic program here at Muhlenberg," says John Pasquarello, General Manager of Muhlenberg Dining Services.

If you have further questions about the survey or this process, please email John Pasquarello at jpasquarello@muhlenberg.edu.

Weekend Weather

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Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 12 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost driver's license.

Sept. 12 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost camera.

Sept. 12 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 12 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 13 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of several found items including books, mugs, and notebooks. It is unknown when the items were found or to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 13 – Found Property – In the Benfer Hall parking lot, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and picked up the wallet.

Sept. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 13 – Suspicious Activity – In the New Science Building, first floor, there was a report of terroristic threats. An individual overheard an unknown individual making threats towards an unknown professor.

Sept. 13 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found cell phone. The phone was returned to the owner a short time after.

Sept. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2243 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Walson Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. It is unknown what set off the detector. After resetting the system another report of a fire alarm sounding was reported. Simplex was called to respond and replace the detector. There was no further incident.

Sept. 14 – Suspicious Activity – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a suspicious person. Upon Campus Safety's arrival the individuals could not be located. There was no further incident.

Sept. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 14 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, locker rooms, there was a report of an injured student. Another student transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 15 – Animal Complaint – At the football stadium, there was a report of animal feces found on the football field. Plant Operations were notified and will respond to clean the area.

Sept. 15 – Institutional Vandalism – At the Prosser drive, there was a report of vandalism. Damage was found to a metal post at the top of the drive. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 15 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 15 – Vehicle Stop – On Liberty St., there was a report of a vehicle seen going through a stop sign. Allentown Police Department responded. The individual was identified and released.

Sept. 15 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On Chew St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown Police Department cited three students for Underage Consumption. Allentown EMS transported one student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 15 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At the Prosser North Quad, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded. Two students were transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 16 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On Chew St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. A student was arrested by Allentown Police Department for Underage Consumption and possession of a false ID. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 16 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – Off campus, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department cited a student for Public Drunkenness. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 16 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 16 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On the front drive, there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident. Both parties exchanged information. There was no further incident.

Sept. 16 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found backpack. The owner later claimed the item.

Sept. 16 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Open and unopened cans and liquor bottles were found in the room. The individuals were identified. A Campus Safety Office disposed of the items. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded. A student was cited by Allentown Police Department for Underage Drinking. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 17 – Institutional Vandalism – In East Hall (C Block, first floor), there was a report of vandalism due to broken glass covering the fire extinguisher. Housekeeping was notified and will clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 17 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The Health Center was notified. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS.

Sept. 17 – Lost Property – On the Brown Mall, there was a report of lost keys, license, and ATM card.

Sept. 17 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a sick visitor. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the individual refused further treatment or transport.

Sept. 17 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 18 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Empty bottles of alcohol were observed and the students were identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 18 – Disruptive Conduct – On Allen St., there was a report of a noise complaint. The individuals were identified. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued by Muhlenberg College. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 18 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department, Cetronia EMS, and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A student was cited by Allentown Police Department for Underage Drinking. The student was transported to the hospital by Cetronia EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 18 – Found Property – In Ettinger, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 18 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. Allentown Fire Department responded. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 18 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of vandalism due to a broken window. Allentown Police Department responded and spoke with students. Letters of no contact were issued to both individuals. A Campus Safety Officer secured the window. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 18 – Vehicle Lock Out – In the Seegers Union parking lot, there was a report of keys locked in a vehicle. Plant Operations responded when the vehicle would not start after the keys were retrieved.

Sept. 18 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Weekly Through the Ages

THE WEEKLY / SPORTS

Referee spots pretty girl in stands while Somerville gains five on option. *photo by Farbstein*

Mules post opening loss; Inability to make 'big play'

by Mitch Baum

The 1979 Muhlenberg football team opened its season in a disappointing fashion against perennial power Franklin and Marshall, losing by a score of 10-0. The game was marked by the Mules' inability to make the big play.

In the scoreless first half, in which both teams played very strong defense, the offensive units on each side were unable to capitalize. This was evidenced by the Mules in the second quarter when they blew a golden opportunity to score from the nine yard line. Don Somerville threw what appeared to be a touchdown pass to tight end Brian Marron, only to watch him drop the ball. On the same series of downs, the Mules missed what appeared to be a crucial field goal on a bad snap from the center. Mike Hiller, the kicking specialist, never had a chance. Franklin and Marshall blew their only chance to score on a missed field goal from the forty yard line.

In the second half, Franklin and Marshall began to assert itself more. The big play of the game came when Doug Le Gregni had his punt blocked. The ensuing play resulted in a seventy yard touchdown pass. The rest of the game was marked by a strong defense by Franklin and Marshall, which continuously thwarted the Mules, and a ball-controlled offense which led to another three points.

The Mules' offensive line will have to improve for the Mules to better last year's record of 6-2-1. The defense played extremely well. The next game is away against Johns Hopkins. Come out and support the team.

Cross Country runs strong this fall; Coach Flamish eyes successful season

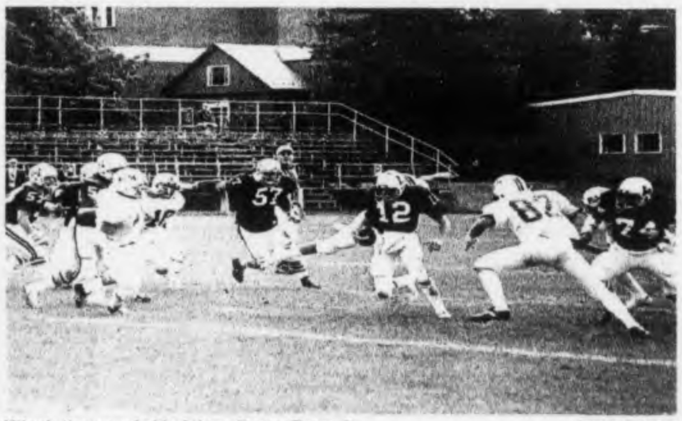
by Bill O'Shaughnessy

The Muhlenberg College Cross Country team kicked off its 1979 campaign with a respectable showing at the Lafayette College Cross Country Carnival last Saturday. Coach William Flamish was pleased with the team's performance in this non-conference pre-season meet. He explained that the meet was a warmup for the real matches that started Wednesday and Friday, at F&M and Dickinson. Flamish noted that this meet was the first competition a number of team members had ever participated in, and he looks for continued improvement over the course of the eight-week schedule.

The Mules are expecting some solid support from newcomers to supplement the proven strength of their veterans. The solid core of returning lettermen Mike Clinton, Greg Miller and Jim McCormick are looked to for leadership and carrying a good part of the squad's weight. Senior Captain Clinton and Miller are both four-year vets, with McCormick setting the school record last year as a freshman. The group is rounded out by newcomers Bob Brahms, Chris O'Neil, Dave Seigworth, Kurt Schroeder and Ray Fritz.

The names Seigworth and Schroeder might be familiar. Dave was the Muhlenberg IM cross-country champ last year. Kurt is the conference title-holder in another track and field event, the high jump. If the name Ray Fritz is not familiar yet, wait a short while. This transfer student from LCCC never ran CC before last Saturday. Road rallies and shorter distance spring track events have always been his passion. Encouraged to give CC a try, Fritz placed a remarkable 18th in a field of 94 finishers at Lafayette. Captain Clinton, who was close behind at 20th, believes that Fritz's was the best finish ever for a Muhlenberg runner in that race. Fritz clipped along at a spirited 5:28 per mile over the five mile course. This pleasant surprise could prove to be the keystone to a successful campaign for the harriers.

Since CC scores are tabulated according to the times of the top five finishers of each team, each individual's performance is vital. The question remains as to who can fill the gaps left by the departure of three of last year's "strong finishers." The long-distance men will find this a very challenging year, but in the words of Greg Miller, "We're a cohesive team, so barring injuries, we look for a good season." Team members expressed strong desire for student support, particularly at their first home match on Wednesday, September 26 when Scranton and Wilkes will be the formidable opponents.



Who is that man behind those Foster Grants? *photo by Farbstein*

Hockey squad joins MAC

by Kathy Knodt

Muhlenberg's 1979 hockey squad should prove to be an exciting one to watch this season. For the first time the girls have more incentive for victory than mere Muhlenberg pride. They have been accepted into the M.A.C. (Middle Atlantic Conference) and are already looking ahead to compete in the playoffs.

Optimism runs rampant on the team. A strong returning nucleus from last year's 4-3-3 season should provide the experience Coach Hospodar is looking for. Co-captain Karen Greider and her senior teammate Jackie Stymiest are winding up their careers by anchoring the new systematic defense. Joining them is junior co-captain Kathy Knodt at halfback, and Anita Gregg, a former standout at goalie who desires to play fullback. Sophomore letterwinners include Corinne Santerian, Sharon Hartline, Barb Schaetzel, Anne Betrou, and Carolyn Judson, all of whom are competing for offensive positions.

The strength of these veterans is augmented by the willingness to work and the enthusiasm exhibited by the entire squad. An outstanding freshman turnout is forcing everyone to play to the best of her ability. This can do nothing but improve the level of play exhibited. This week the girls started their schedule against the ever tough Lehigh team, and then traveled to Phila. College of Bible. The next two games open up the conference play; away matches against Albright and Delaware Valley. Be sure to stop down at the field and cheer the team on to victory.

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Muhlenberg College Concerts

Sunday, Sept. 16	8:00—Jeremy Slavin, tenor
Sunday, Sept. 23	8:00—Joseph Mayes, guitarist & lutenist
Saturday, Oct. 6	8:00—Emerson String Quartet (admission charge)
Saturday, Oct. 13	8:00—Pro Arte Trio
Sunday, Oct. 14	3:00—Patrice Young, senior organ recital St. John's Lutheran Church, Nazareth
Sunday, Oct. 14	8:00—Music of Ludwig Lenel. Medieval Colloquium Concert. Chapel.
Saturday, Oct. 20	7:30—Barbara Mikkal, soprano
Sunday, Oct. 21	3:00—College Choir. Chapel
Sunday, Nov. 4	3:00—Charles McClain, organist. Chapel
Saturday, Nov. 17	8:00—Valley Camerata Orchestra
Sunday, Nov. 18	3:00—College Band
Tuesday, Dec. 4	8:00—Martha Samuels, soprano, and Margaret Garwood, piano

All concerts take place in the Center for the Arts except where otherwise noted.

SENIOR ORIENTATION MEETINGS
will be held on:
Wednesday, September 26, 1979 at 7:00 p.m.
and
Friday, September 28, 1979 at 11:00 a.m.
in the Recital Hall of the Center of the Arts. Seniors interested in using the services and facilities of the Career Planning and Placement Office or in participating in the on-campus recruiting program should attend *one* of these orientation sessions.

Muhlenberg College's French Club, le Cercle francais, announces its first meeting of the semester, an *Introductory Wine and Cheese party* on Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 P.M. in Prosser Pit.

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LiGregni punts on fourth down.

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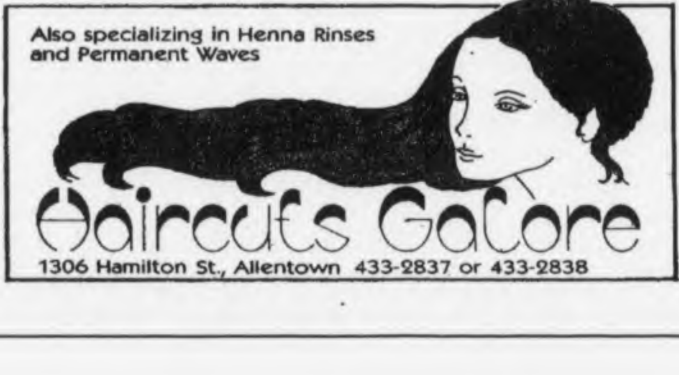

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WEEKLY Life!

"Life is the art of drawing without an eraser."
- John W. Gardener

A Cup of Coffee: The New Fashion Accessory

BY NATALIE WEISS
LIFE WRITER

Forget bracelets, watches, handbags and rings. Pick up a cup of coffee from the G.Q., Starbucks, or Java Joes. Coffee cups come in many different sizes and colors: really comforting considering your skinny jeans are hugging you a little too tightly. Here is the best part about coffee cups: they go with almost anything. A cup of coffee will spice up any pair of jeans, kakis, or leggings. Try to stay away from this style while in a gown or tuxedo. With a few simple rules, the coffee look is an effortless and classy way to wake you up and make you look good.

Coffee with style.

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Try to get a cup that will bring out one of your favorite features. Got green eyes? Go for a Starbucks, non-fat skinny latte or a caramel frap. The green straw will really bring out the color in your eyes. Similarly, get into the Muhlenberg spirit and find a coffee cup with red embellishments. A red and white coffee cup will create a special touch to the quintessential "I have a game today" look. Dunkin Donuts definitely has a more business feel, and should be paired with a briefcase or black skirt. Finally, environmentalists, this is your time to shine. Bring out the reusable/recyclable mugs and wear them proud. Going green is very in right now.

For men, the coffee-inspired look can go all wrong if not used properly. Do not get any drink that comes with a straw because you will look like a six-year-old boy that got lost in a candy shop. Every other drink is good to go. However, here is the trick for making the cup of coffee a proper accessory: when you sit down or fly off toward your next destination, take off the lid and hold the cup at the top, with your hand acting as the lid. This is inspired from the "I don't want anything illegal in my drink while at a frat party" look. For the full effect, look out a window and pretend like you are thinking. This might generate actual thinking, which is always a good quality to possess.

Remember fashionistas, the cup of coffee style is best used in the morning and afternoon. Please don't try this at a nightclub or while out on a movie date. Most importantly, don't spill! Coffee spills can cause burns, irreversible stains and extreme psychological damage.

Homecoming Weekend Highlights!

Students having a great time at the Homecoming Dance sponsored by the Class Council of 2014.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BRITTANY VAN NATTA

The Homecoming Court approaching the field.

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Despite the cold and dreary weekend, every student on campus felt warm with pride for the college's Homecoming celebration.

The neon dance hosted by Class Council 2014 was filled to the brim with students from every class having a blast! They offered glow sticks, a variety of candy, and a great time for everyone that night.

The pep rally on Friday night excited the crowd of students for the game that was to come the next day. The performances from the different organizations that night were phenominal.

Rachel Jacobowitz '12 wasn't the only winner on Saturday afternoon. Rachel received the title of Homecoming Queen and the mules football team took home the title of champions as they conquered McDaniel in an amazing comeback. Homecoming weekend is one of the best weekends at the college.

Mule cheerleaders show pride with passion.

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The stands were packed to watch the mule victory.

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2011 Emmy Award Winners

By Torie Paone
Executive Editor

- Outstanding Drama Series: "Mad Men," AMC.

- Outstanding Lead Actress, Drama Series: Julianna Margulies, "The Good Wife," CBS.

- Outstanding Lead Actor, Drama Series: Kyle Chandler, "Friday Night Lights," DirecTV/NBC.

- Outstanding Supporting Actor, Drama Series: Peter Dinklage, "Game of Thrones," HBO.

- Outstanding Supporting Actress, Drama Series: Margo Martindale, "Justified," FX.

- Outstanding Writing, Drama Series: Jason Katims, "Friday Night Lights," NBC.

- Outstanding Directing, Drama Series: Martin Scorsese, "Boardwalk Empire," HBO.

- Outstanding Comedy Series: "Modern Family," ABC.

- Outstanding Actor, Comedy Series: Jim Parsons, "The Big Bang Theory," CBS.

- Outstanding Actress, Comedy Series: Melissa McCarthy, "Mike & Molly," CBS.

- Outstanding Supporting Actress, Comedy Series: Julie Bowen, "Modern Family," ABC.

- Outstanding Supporting Actor, Comedy Series: Ty Burrell, "Modern Family," ABC.

- Outstanding Writing, Comedy Series: Steven Levitan and Jeffrey Richman, "Modern Family," ABC.

- Outstanding Directing, Comedy Series: Michael Spiller, "Modern Family," ABC.

- Outstanding Miniseries or Movie: "Downton Abbey (Masterpiece)," PBS.

- Outstanding Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Kate Winslet, "Mildred Pierce," HBO.

- Outstanding Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Barry Pepper, "The Kennedys," ReelzChannel.

- Outstanding Supporting Actress, Miniseries or Movie: Maggie Smith, "Downton Abbey (Masterpiece)," PBS.

- Outstanding Supporting Actor, Miniseries or Movie: Guy Pearce, "Mildred Pierce," HBO.

- Outstanding Directing, Miniseries, Movie or Dramatic Special: Brian Percival, "Downton Abbey (Masterpiece)," PBS.

- Outstanding Writing, Miniseries, Movie or Dramatic Special: Julian Fellowes, "Downton Abbey (Masterpiece)," PBS.

- Outstanding Reality-Competition Program: "The Amazing Race," CBS.

- Outstanding Variety, Music or Comedy Series: "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart," Comedy Central.

- Outstanding Directing, Variety, Music or Comedy Series: Don Roy King, "Saturday Night Live," NBC.

- Outstanding Writing, Variety, Music or Comedy Series: "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart," Comedy Central.

The Panda Girl

Dear PandaGirl-

I pledged for Greek Life and didn't get any bids. Now all my friends are busy with their new sisters and I feel left out. It's like I lost all my friends, and I'm suddenly not good enough for them because I didn't get any bids. Help?

-GreekGeek

Dear GreekGeek-

I'm sorry that pledging didn't work out so well for you. Try not to lose heart, just try again next time! They're familiar with you now, and may be keener to bid next go around.

I know too well how hard it can be to maintain friendships once they are assimilated into the collective.... I mean, enter a sorority or fraternity. Suddenly they mysteriously disappear for "Greek stuff" or have weird rules like "I can't go to dinner with you because I can't be seen without my big." It can be frustrating, especially when a hint of jealousy is mixed in, knowing you were so close yet so far from that life. But true friendship is about compromise and caring. If your friends really are true friends, they should be willing to make time for you AND their sisters. Part of Greek Life is about opening up and helping the community at large. Try sitting with your friend and saying "Hey listen, I miss hanging out with you," and see if you can schedule a movie night or the like. If they are too busy for you, then they aren't a real friend to you, and it may be time to just let that balloon float away. Maybe she'll float back once the high of new sisterhood dies down. Often the beginning weeks are all about bonding and getting to know the low-down on Greek life, and eventually things will settle back into routine. Let your friends know you don't want to lose them.

Beyond that, why not try looking elsewhere for some bonding experiences? Join a new club or study group. Ask a couple classmates if you want to study for that big exam together. Have a Glee night every Tuesday. Get to know that guy that smiles whenever you catch his eye. Or simply hang out with your door open, see who may pop by to say hello. Whatever suits your lifestyle best. Just try not to let your disappointment shut you up in your room, away from society completely. Have a night to mope, then pick yourself up and get back on that train. You'll see that you can have yourself a great time at college with or without Greek Life.

All my best,
The Panda Girl

Have a question or problem you'd like to ask the Panda Girl? Send your letters to AskPandaGirl@Gmail.com or via campus mail Box 2072.

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Sept. 22

1) Bio Club Fundraiser from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Seegers Union

2) Cardio Power from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. in the Life Sports Center

3) Common Hour: Galen Abdur-Razzaq-Jazz Flautist from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Wood Dining Commons

4) Common Hour: Nancy Thornberry, A Life in Science from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in Trumbower 130. Reception from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the New Science Building foyer

5) The House by the Lake from 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the C.A. Recital Hall

Fri. Sept. 23

1) Martin Art Gallery Exhibition Joel Carreiro: Seeing Things from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2) Shabbat Dinner from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Hillel

3) The Billies from 10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. in SGU, Upper Lobby

Sat. Sept. 24

1) Midnight Bowling from 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. at Playdrome Rosebowl

2) Back to the Future: High Holidays Through the Ages from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Hillel

3) Men's Tennis from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Tennis Courts

4) Comedian: Adam Mamawala from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. in SGU, Red Door

Sun. Sept. 25

2) Zumba from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Life Sports Center

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Conference Realignment blues

By Jeremy Fuchs
Sports Writer

College football has been in the news lately, either due to recent recruitment, boosters scandals, or the high quality of play to start out the season. But even more recent news has the power to shift college athletics for good.

Last Sunday, the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) accepted Syracuse University and University of Pittsburgh into the conference. The former Big East members will most likely start playing in the ACC within the next two seasons.

Accepting Syracuse and Pittsburgh does two things. For one, it weakens the Big East. The conference not only loses its two biggest basketball schools but also its two biggest money makers. The Big East basketball tournament is a huge ratings draw, and Syracuse, which brings a large contingent of fans to Madison Square Garden, and Pitt. are a large reason why.

A second thing the acceptance of Syracuse and Pitt. does is set the stage for more conference movement. Recently, Texas A&M all but asked out of the Big 12, looking to go to the SEC. The University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas have been linked to the Pac-12, SEC, ACC, and just about any other major conference.

The Big 12 is seemingly falling apart. Nebraska left for the Big 10 and Colorado left for the Pac-12. Teams in the Big 12 are going to be active in trying to find a new home. Already, overtures from Baylor and Iowa State have been sent to the Big East.

No one really knows where these schools are going. Rumors are aplenty, and movements, like the Syracuse and Pitt ones, can happen in an instant. Still, the motives for this movement are clear.

A few years ago, the Big 10 set up the Big 10 Network. Since college athletics are so popular and widespread, it was a huge success. Regional networks, whether it's in college sports, or in professional sports ,are wildly popular. Providing a TV network that is devoted solely to that particular sport, fills a need and once provided, is hard to take away. Because of this, it's a huge money maker.

So naturally, other colleges and conferences want to get in on the action. Most leagues have four or five great teams, and six or seven mediocre teams. To maximize value, why not take your school to a conference that is filled with more talented teams? Better yet, why not persuade other schools and create a so-called "super-conference." Syracuse and Pitt. have done this. Nebraska and Colorado have done this. Other schools are next.

Still, by creating these new super-conferences, one thing gets lost in the shuffle: rivalries. In basketball, for example, Syracuse and Georgetown have a terrific, historic rivalry. Now that Syracuse bolted for the ACC, that rivalry is all but gone. Texas and Oklahoma are rivals, but if one goes to the SEC and the other to the ACC, that rivalry is finished, not only in football, but in every other sport.

Nothing can really stop conference re-alignment, other than perhaps prohibiting the creation of regional networks. The only thing that we can hope for is that bigger schools don't leave smaller schools in the dust. What will happen to a school like Iowa State, a perpetual, downtrodden athletic program? What will happen to Washington State? We don't yet know the answers to these questions, but they will be revealed in the very near future. Whatever happens will happen. One thing is for sure, though: College athletics will never be the same.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football
(2-1, 1-0 CC)
9/17 McDaniel W 34-26

Men's Soccer
(5-0, 1-0 CC)
9/14 @ Wilkes W 1-0
9/17 McDaniel W 2-0

Women's Soccer
(3-1, 0-0 CC)
9/14 Messiah L 0-5
9/17 McDaniel W 4-0

Field Hockey
(0-3, 0-0 CC)
9/14 Drew W 2-1 (OT)
9/17 McDaniel L 0-3

Volleyball
(3-8, 1-0 CC)
9/13 @ Richard Stockton L 0-3
9/16 McDaniel W 3-0

Women's Volleyball fundraiser for pediatric cancer next Saturday!

By Joy Forlenza
Sports Editor

On Sat., Oct. 1, the Muhlenberg Women's Volleyball team will be kicking off fundraising for pediatric cancer and research.

Every October, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, each of the eleven volleyball teams in the Centennial Conference support a cause by "digging" for a cure. The Mule volleyball team is doing something slightly different by raising money for a non-profit organization called Tanner's Touch.

Tanner's Touch is a non-profit organization developed to raise money for pediatric cancer research and families of children with cancer. As Senior Captain and Defense Specialist Brooke McQueen explained, it was created in honor of someone's three-year-old son named Tanner, who was diagnosed with a very rare and aggressive form of pediatric cancer called Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma in March 2009. McQueen added, "Our coach has a family friend whose child is suffering from pediatric cancer, and so our team is trying especially hard to raise money this year." The money raised will go directly to Tanner's Touch and Johns Hopkins Pediatric Cancer research. More information can be found at www.tannerstouch.com.

The team will start the fundraising at their Oct. 1 match against Dickinson at 11 a.m. You can pledge one dollar, fifty cents, or any other pledge per dig that the Mule team gets during the match or donate a flat fee. After the game the Mule team will let everyone know how many digs they get (they usually get about 40 total), so that pledgers can make a check payable to Tanner's Touch for the proper amount. Anyone on the volleyball team can be approached as their goal is to raise fifty dollars each for the cause.

Hope to see everyone there to support this wonderful cause on Sat. Oct. 1 at 11 a.m!

UPCOMING GAMES

Football
(2-1, 2-0 CC)
Sat. 9/24 @ Johns Hopkins 2:00

Men's Soccer
(5-0, 1-0 CC)
Fri. 9/23 @ Johns Hopkins 7:00
Wed. 9/28 @ Swarthmore 7:00

Field Hockey
(1-4, 0-1 CC)
Fri. 9/23 @ Johns Hopkins 7:30
Tues. 9/27 vs. Moravian 7:00

Women's Soccer
(4-2, 1-0 CC)
Sat. 9/24 @ McDaniel 7:00
Sun. 9/25 @ Stevenson 2:00

Volleyball
(3-8, 1-0 CC)
Sat. 9/24 @ Johns Hopkins 12:00
Wed. 9/28 vs. Haverford 7:00

Win or die trying

By Evan Kasakove
Sports Asst. editor

"Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing." This simple creed has been a centerpiece of sports and competition for years as you can see if you have ever watched the Super Bowl or a nine-year-old girls' soccer game. We live in a competitive culture, which is not an intrinsically bad thing. Emphasis of competitiveness varies by different sports organizations and communities. Some people want to limit a team's focus on being the best while others want to intensify it. Some are against keeping score in youth games in order for one team to avoid the shame of defeat while others curse off the referee to show their displeasure at the his or her ability to make the correct call or one that favors their child's team. I am not exaggerating about the backwardness of youth sports and the inane behavior of parents and coaches alike.

You would think that it is unacceptable to yell at the top of your lungs for any other reason than being physically attacked. Yet, at an AAU basketball tournament I attended this summer, coaches yelled as if they got extra points for the number of times they yelled and how loud they were. I usually don't have a problem with cursing, but when you use the F word to tell a high school aged boy he sucks there seems to be something wrong with that. I could probably continue this diatribe against youth sports coaches and parents forever, but really most of these coaches and parents aren't necessarily bad people--they just have their priorities out of order.

In sports today, priority number one is winning, priority number two is winning, priority number three is celebrating after winning, and priority number four is the health of the player's, unless of course it coincides with priority number one, two, or three. I say this only half-jokingly because winning is absolutely overemphasized in sports from the youth level all the way up to the professional level. That famous quote I started with is attributed to one of the greatest coaches in American professional sport's history, Vince Lombardi. Lombardi is the legendary former head coach of the NFL's Green Bay Packers where he won the first two Super Bowls and the namesake of the trophy given each year for the Super Bowl winner. Although he said the aforementioned quote on a few occasions, he got it from another coach and it actually did not reflect his coaching philosophy. His philosophy is more aptly described as the will to win is the only thing that mattered. This coincides well with the quote by one of the most iconic sports writer of the 20th century, Grantland Rice, "It's not whether you won or lost, but how you played the game." The will to win and playing the game the right way are valuable lessons that coaches should instill in their athletes, but this is sadly overshadowed by the emphasis placed on winning.

This culture of winning is overemphasized in both youth and professional sports, but the solutions to these problems are very different. Simply put, winning should be ancillary to so many things in youth sports like having fun, personal development, and learning in the framework of a team. Not keeping score doesn't solve the problem, it just ignores it. When youth coaches and parents learn to put winning behind all these worthy goals, then the problem can be meliorated. Of course someone will say, "Well having fun and improvement is great but what does it get me if all we do is lose?" It's a fair point, but it ignores the fact that if you are having fun, learning, and improving in youth sports then you are a winner. End of story. The misconception rests in the belief that your team has to have the higher score at the end of the game to have won the game. If by the time the game is over the coach has berated at least one player, the parents have complained loudly after every call, and the players are jumping around in celebration mocking the other team and the final score is 100-0, you didn't win. In college basketball, if UConn didn't perform well but still ended up winning by two points and evaluated that game by the fact and not by their possible potential, then they did not win and will probably lose again--this time for "real."

The point I'm trying to make is that winning is inconsequential when compared with giving a winning effort or trying your best or doing things the right way. Sportsmanship is usually forgotten as being important in sports. Of course in the heat of competition people make mistakes, but deriding your opponent during the game does not qualify as acceptable just because he is your supposed "enemy" (there is a difference between derisiveness and gamesmanship when it comes to trash talking). When the game is over shaking your opponent's hand is a classy and easy thing to do and is all about the respect and integrity you should have for your opponents and the game you are playing.

"Who can ask more of a man than giving all within his span? Giving all, it seems to me is not so far from victory." John Wooden, who is arguably the most winning coach in sports history, having won eleven national championships (one as a player), followed this creed and it worked out pretty well for him. Did he not care about winning? No, and that's not the point I'm trying to make. He kept the dream of winning in the proper perspective. He understood that by worrying about the things that really mattered such as teamwork and improvement, the score would take care of itself.

We all know that this philosophy doesn't always work to our advantage though. I guess you could try yelling even louder.

Senior Captain Spotlight

FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

MICHAEL POREMBSKI

1) Hometown: Massapequa, NY

2) Major/Minors: Accounting major.

3) Football position played: Offensive Line

4) When did you start playing football?
When I was six-years-old.

5) Favorite athletes: Nick Mangold - New York Jets Center; Mariano Rivera – Yankees

6) Favorite sports teams: Philadelphia Eagles, New York Yankees

7) Hobbies besides football: Reading, working out, playing video games

8) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Any favorite memories or valuable experiences with the team and/or coaches?
I like how close the team is. There is an amazing amount of chemistry. We're all good friends on and off the field. My favorite memory would be the two conference championships we won in 2008 and 2010. 2010 was more special because I started every game and had a hand in winning it.

9) Post-graduate plans or ideas? I'm planning on obtaining my CPA license. I am thinking of attending law school or graduate school.

FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

PHIL MUSICK

1) Hometown: Ewing, NJ

2) Favorite sports teams: Dallas Cowboys

3) Major/Minors: Economics/Math Double Major

4) Football position played: Left Tackle

5) When did you start playing football? I played flag football in elementary school and started playing tackle football in 6th grade.

6) Favorite athletes: Emmitt Smith - Dallas Cowboys

7) Hobbies besides football: I like to fish, cook, and watch movies.

8) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Any favorite memories or valuable experiences with the team and/or coaches?
I love the camaraderie with the teammates and coaches. My favorite memory with the team was winning the conference championship last year and going to the playoffs.

9) Post-graduate plans or ideas? I want to work as an actuary for an insurance company.

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The Improbable Comeback!

By Eric Dolber
Sports Writer

The Muhlenberg Football team would not let the fans go away unsatisfied during Homecoming weekend. On Sat. Sept. 17, the Mules faced off versus the Green Terror of McDaniel College. The game started off shaky for the Mules as McDaniel opened up to a 26-7 lead in the first half. McDaniel quarterbacks, one of which who blocked a punt by the Mules, scored touchdowns for McDaniel, giving them an early lead in the first quarter. Junior Running Back Terrence Dandridge responded by rushing for a career best 69-yard touchdown immediately after the blocked punt to make the score 13-7.

McDaniel then answered the bell by adding two touchdowns of their own to extend the lead to 19 points at halftime. Many Mule fans thought that this game was over and started to leave the stands. Little did they know that they were going to miss a great comeback!

The Mules defense in the second half came out pretty strong and led McDaniel to only 76 total yards in the half. Muhlenberg's epic comeback was led by Junior Quarterback Dan Deighan, who threw for a career high 282 yards (226 of them came in the fourth quarter). The score was still 26-7 entering the fourth quarter, when the pivotal moment of the game occurred. The Mules were facing a third and five at their own 15; this was a life or death situation. The pressure was mounting on Deighan and he completed two long passes and one was to Junior Wide Receiver Marcus Toomey on a fake punt.

Now the Mules were back in business! They would later score on a three-yard touchdown run by Junior Running Back J.T. Merklinger to make the score 26-14.

Lisa Youngentob

Running Back J.T. Merklinger '13 scoring the winning touchdown!

Photo by Lisa Youngentob

Later in the quarter Deighan connected with Junior Wide Receiver Zach Klein for a 40-yard touchdown to get the Mules within 26-21. The special teams of Muhlenberg made a game changing play when Freshman Linebacker Ian Gimbar stuffed the ball-carrier when McDaniel was trying a fake punt. This led to another connection between Deighan and Merklinger for another touchdown to make the score with the two point conversion 29-26!

Muhlenberg football fans were starting to believe that this was happening! The team was actually going to pull this comeback off! Later in the quarter, the Mules added a safety and a field goal to make the score 34-26, but the Green Terror was not going down without a fight. On their last possession they drove down the field to the Muhlenberg 41. This game looked like it could be headed for overtime at the rate it was going; but not so fast! Valori of McDaniel threw a Hail Mary pass in desperation and was picked off by Muhlenberg Sophomore Linebacker Kory Crichton as time expired!

The Mules won the game! The crowd was roaring! The game ball went to Dandridge, who rushed for a game-high 132 yards after he received the Weikert Award at halftime (Muhlenberg's Sophomore Athlete of the Year).

Next Saturday the Mules are back on the road at John Hopkins at 2:00 pm. Go Mules!

Another win for Men's Soccer

By Eric Magulies
Sports Writer

Homecoming weekend brought Men's Soccer its fifth consecutive win moving them to 5-0 on the season for the first time since 2005. This was an emotional win as their opponents, McDaniel College, a rival within the Centennial Conference played an aggressive game. There were 25 fouls and three yellow cards called throughout the contact-filled match.

The Mules started off hot, scoring in the 11th minute of the game. Senior Midfielder Steve Giannacio delivered the ball to Junior Forward Danny Way and he buried it in the upper left corner of the goal to give the Mules an early 1-0 lead.

Then, the stellar Muhlenberg defense took control. For the fourth straight game, Junior Goalkeeper Ari Nutovits and the defense blanked their opponents. One series left McDaniel with a great opportunity to score, but Junior Defender Kyle Plifka,headed the ball away to save the goal.

In the last few seconds of the game, the Mules added an exclamation point. Sophomore Midfielder Jacob Joseph, booted the ball into the lower left corner of the goal, after dodging a defender.

The intensity in this game complemented the outcome of the Muhlenberg homecoming football game in which the Mules came back to beat McDaniel. The Mules now know what intensity level to expect in their conference matchups, and look to continue winning during their current hot streak.

Want to write for Sports?
Join our team!

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Muhlenberg works to sustain the ecosystem

BY ALLISON DIAMOND
NEWS WRITER

Students at the College are familiar with its description as a "bubble." We are fortunate enough to live on a campus that essentially provides us with everything we need. The bubble, however, doesn't describe our relationship with the ecosystem, and there are many "green" changes happening on campus to prove it.

A growing awareness of the importance of an environmentally friendly campus has lead to the development of the Office of Sustainability. Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, Director of Sustainability Studies, and Kalyna Procyk, Sustainability Coordinator, are directors of the new Office, which will allow for more eco-conscious programs to be explored at the College.

Sustainable Waste Solutions is our new waste hauler. They will convert all of our trash into energy, making our campus landfill-free. The trash is burned and the resulting heat generates steam that is converted to electricity. This method, a form of renewable energy, produces less carbon dioxide per ton of garbage than a landfill. Sustainable Waste Solutions is also expanding our recycling program, allowing all paper that tears to be recycled.

The environmental club, EnAcT, is another driving force in the mission to create a more sustainable campus. They host organic dinners and local hiking trips that are open to all students, and they are sponsoring "A Natural Alternative," a natural soap producer who will be on campus within the next few months to sell her soaps. Also in the works are bins for students to recycle their plastic bags and environmental outreach programs with Allentown elementary and middle school students.

An upcoming event for EnAcT is Recycling Week, Nov. 7 – 11, during which the club will sell recycled notebooks made out of cereal boxes and make sculptures out of recyclables to show what can be recycled. Amanda Meier and Lucas Michelotti, both members of the Class of 2012 and the EnAcT President and Vice President of Outdoor Activities state, "We want to educate and provide opportunities for Muhlenberg and its students to become examples of sustainability and environmental consciousness for the Lehigh Valley and beyond."

For students looking to introduce a little more "green" into their lives, a great first step is to attend one of EnAcT's fun and creative events. Students can also visit the Office of Sustainability page on Facebook and post their suggestions for campus programs. Another way to learn about the environment is to take a class like Chemistry of the Environment or Topics in Environmental Science to fulfill a science requirement. They're not your traditional science courses, like Biology or Chemistry, and they illuminate the connection between the environment and us. There are a growing number of ways to be eco-friendly on campus and to show our love and respect not just for the College, but also for the environment of which it is a part.

MUHLENBERG RECYCLES

It's Recyclable If:

☐ It **tears, and its paper** (used to be the wax coating would prevent milk cartons and food boats from being recycled - now the process can separate out the wax)

☐ It's a **#1-7 plastic EXCEPT Styrofoam & PVC** (PVC is found in pipes , jewelry and signs)

☐ It's an **aluminum or metal foil, food or beverage can**

☐ It's a **glass food & beverage container**

☐ It's **mostly clean and empty** (pizza boxes and some food residue is ok)

It's Trash if:

☐ It's a **plastic bag or other thin plastic material similar to a bag** (ex. chip bags, soy sauce packets, most plastic food wrapping). They are too thin and will tangle in the machinery

☐ It's **very thin paper material** (paper towels, napkins, toilet paper). They are also too thin and will tangle in the machinery

☐ It's a **"mixed" item with more than one recyclable element** (ex. Pringles cans have foil, paper and plastic, soy milk boxes as well)

*Need more info? Contact **Kalyna Procyk**, Office of Sustainability at kprocyk@muhlenberg.edu x3290*

*Need a recycling bin? Contact **Jim Bolton**, Plant Operations at jbolton@muhlenberg.edu x3400*

Recycling & Waste Disposal

As part of our commitment to minimizing our environmental footprint, we have expanded our recycling program and are sending our trash to a waste-to-energy facility. Waste-to-energy plants produce less CO_2 per ton of garbage than a landfill and are designated as renewable energy generators by the USEPA. ***Our main campus is thus now landfill-free.***

ALL RECYCLING GOES INTO 1 BIN. Sustainable Waste Solutions' (SWS) automated recycling plant will mechanically sort the single-stream recyclables into separate paper, plastic (1-7), metal and glass groups. To determine if a piece of **plastic** is recyclable, **look for the number in the triangle** and follow the guidelines to the left. **If there is no number, the plastic is NOT recyclable.**

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Don't let the stress get to you!

The stress level around campus always seems to increase drastically as we all take our first tests and hand in our first papers of the semester, while also receiving our first grades in our classes. This usually serves as a wake up call to many of us that we need to work harder in our classes and that the semester if fully in swing. If you are one of those people who has been stressing about grades and the amount of work you have to do, let us help you out with some advice:

1. Do not allow yourself to fall behind in any of your classes because we all know cramming is not fun.
2. Work on your time management skills to allow yourself adequate time to study in advance.
3. Evaluate all the activities you are doing and make sure you have enough time to devote to each of them and still get decent grades.
4. Seek out help if you need it. Visit the Academic Resource Center and see what your options are.
5. Do not be afraid to talk to your professors! They want to help you and see you do well.
6. Make sure you give yourself a break from activities and school work everyday. Go to the gym or listen to music to give your brain a break.
7. Keep in touch with friends and family, especially with friends on campus!
8. Stay organized by keeping track of all your work and activities, so you do not forget about anything.
9. Continue to go to class. It will help you stay on top of your work and show professors you are interested.
10. Change up when and where you do work and study, so you don't get bored.

So don't let yourself stress and good luck for the rest of the semester!

The state of the death penalty

By Alexander Brotman
Op/Ed Writer

On the evening of Sept. 21 in Jackson, GA, hundreds, if not close to a thousand people, came out to support convicted felon Troy Davis on the day of his execution. Davis was a common human being, the definition of the common man who just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time and was subsequently charged with murder because of this. America put an innocent man to death last Wednesday and that is unacceptable.

The death penalty is one of those things that has always been a heated issue yet never seems to be talked about whether in political arenas or in the public discourse. Many prominent Republican politicians are for it, including Texas Governor RickPerry, but also President Obama, a democrat. In 2000, 70% of those polled said they are still in favor of the death penalty, and eleven years later that number is still too high. Jeffrey Toobin, Senior Legal Analyst for CNN and an expert on the Supreme Court reported that in 2011, 60% of Americans are still in favor, which surprises me to say the least. Violent crime in the United States has gone down over the last ten years and fewer people are being executed, but when executions occur they grab national attention.

Sometimes there isn't as much outcry with the decision to let someone die, as seen with the DC sniper executed in Virginia. Most of the time, however, few people know about these executions besides the media and those within the legal system, often resulting in a small headline in a corner bar on CNN reading "Man executed in Texas for so-and-so killing."

This is wrong and every execution should be given a front page story. Many countries in Europe and other parts of the Americas are absolutely baffled by the fact that we still have the death penalty in the US. They look to us as a role model, and the contradiction that strikes me most about all this is in relation to the recent Arab Spring.

Throughout this year we have been calling on dictators from Libya to Yemen to stop killing innocent civilians, firing on protesters, and obey the rule of law. To some extent, what happened in Georgia is not too far off from cases in these Middle Eastern countries. In my opinion, we tortured Troy Davis. We did not execute him by live fire in the middle of a crowded square in Benghazi or Sana'a, but in order to be a role model for the rest of the world, the United States has to change its policy. We have to set the bar (we have always set the bar, and that bar) right now couldn't be any lower.

I hope that in the coming election year the death penalty again becomes an issue, especially in response

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Is bankrupt Solyndra a warning?

By Morgan Smith
Op/Ed Writer

Solyndra, a California based solar power company, recently filed for bankruptcy. Normally one failed solar company would not garner more than a passing remark by an off-hour news anchor, but Solyndra has caused a storm among the media. You couldn't turn on any of the 24 hour news channels without there being some mention of this company within five minutes of watching. What is it about Solyndra that has caused such a ridiculous amount of near non-stop attention? Solyndra has ties to Washington,DC.

As the story has unfolded, we've learned that President Obama and many other high-ranking progressives have, in the past, touted Solyndra as the standard-bearer of the future in regards to clean, sustainable energy, as well as a fountain of permanent job creation. Surprisingly, in May 2011, five months prior to the company's nosedive, Solyndra claimed that things had never been going better, which doesn't seem to hold water. What makes this story even more outrageous is that Solyndra had received 35 million in public, tax-payer funded loans from the Department of Energy. Ultimately, this solar power company was predicted to forge the future of energy, failed, and bureaucrats inside the beltway have initiated disaster control. Fingers are now being pointed in the direction of President Obama.

To dissect this entire situation and glean what we can about what went wrong, we have to start with the simple question, "Why did Solyndra fail?" To begin with, Solyndra was offering cylindrically shaped solar panels that were more expensive than its competitors' conventional flat panels. Not only was it more expensive, but the product's overall benefits in comparison to its competitors' were marginal at best. This is an obvious recipe for failure in the market place, especially amid poor economic times. This quickly ate away at the company's financial capital which included the generous public loan amounting to around 33% of the total investment in the company.

Another critical part of Solyndra's failure is that it is in a small market with relatively little substantial demand. Considering the nation's financial woes, consumers and investors are more than a little gun shy with their money, so purchasing solar technology is probably not at the top of most people's list. There isn't a lot of demand for solar panels and technology because, frankly, people don't have the money or courage to make such an uncertain investment. In a small market with global competition, notably with China, Solyndra simply couldn't stand the heat. And in the broader energy market, gasoline is still cheaper and more efficient than solar in terms of immediate mass consumption. Whether one prefers renewable energy over oil or natural gas is irrelevant; the prices don't lie.

The linchpin of it all, what has caused so much of the problem, is the public loan given by the Department of Energy. The problem with such loans is simple. Public loans are nowhere near as strict as private loans, thus meaning that the companies which receive them are more risky and far likelier to fail. With this easy money in pocket, Solyndra did exactly what public loans to new businesses encourage: risky investment. They produced goods that didn't have a sustainable market, and malinvestment took its toll. On top of that, the government is making this gamble with tax money. Those who pay taxes will be footing the bill of Solyndra's failure.

The Obama Administration's bad bet could certainly signal trouble for future government involvement in promoting "green jobs." Not only has Solyndra been a noteworthy mistake, but two other American solar companies filed for bankruptcy not long before Solyndra. Though some advocates and investors insist that these cases are not reflective of the industry as a whole, it's important to keep in mind that they love the easy money just as much as Solyndra. We shouldn't be too hasty in taking their word as gospel; big business in the renewable energy sector is just as bad as the oil barons. Untangling the government from Big Oil just so that we can get in bed with Big Solar is completely asinine.

How can we really give the energy industry a boost? We need to encourage competition, nationally and globally, by cutting taxes on businesses across the board, by removing red tape and barriers into the energy market, and by stopping the handouts of easy money. We must build up the confidence of banks by getting the government's own financial mess straight, setting the foundation for stable, safe, long-term investment of financial capital. Get the government out of big business, period, and start treating all businesses by the same standards. Only then will we start to see the American market for energy make significant strides forward in both creating jobs and competing globally. If you really want to see a cleaner, greener tomorrow, then let's inject more free market competition and eject government from the game.

Screaming at the ice cream man

By Josh Clement
Op/Ed Writer

I have decided that there is one person I hate most in life. The one person I would kill if I could. Everyday he makes my life worse, and I cannot do it anymore. I can't take it. I'm going to kill the ice cream man.

I live in Benfer Hall. One of my favorite parts about Benfer, besides the wonderful studying environment, is the view I have looking out over the park. Benfer is basically a cheap motel; it smells like stale beer and cigarettes. Fresh air is the only thing that makes Benfer livable; eight guys living in one tiny suite makes for a terrible smell. I like to open up the window and prop open the door, letting some actual air into our suite. I actually feel like a real human being then, and it masks the fact that I basically am living in a concrete cell that is a small part of a concrete block that was built for sex and vodka. And football players. But I can't open my window. Or open the door. All because of one man, one man who will give me a psychiatric breakdown. The Ice Cream Man.

The ice cream man resides in the park. All day. Every day. He must not move, because I can hear the song all day long. The same song. If you want to have a bad day you can listen to it by visiting on this link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcO. I can't even call it a song, a song designates the fact that there is a musical element to the noise. It's the same little jingle that plays over and over and over. You know the song from the merry-go-round, or the carousal for the cultured readers; it's the song of nightmares.

The ice cream man resides in the park. All day. Every day. He must not move, because I can hear the song all day long.

Have you seen an ice cream truck recently? The memories of them are filled with joy and wonder. No noise brought such giddy glee as the ice cream truck song. Now when I see an ice cream truck all I can see is a downtrodden white truck that is filled with soggy ice cream bars. I can only imagine that the driver is only working in an ice cream truck because he was turned down at Chuck E Cheeses. And he didn't even try to be the Chuck of Cheese, he was trying to get the job of cleaning the mouse costume a position even more degrading than that of being the stupid mouse.

I think of all this when I see a normal ice cream truck, but the one down at the park just off our campus? My hatred is felt tenfold in furious and righteous anger. That jingle follows me everywhere. I have dreams about somehow constructing a ballistic missile out of beer bottles and goldfish and blowing up that ice cream truck. I haven't actually taken any investigative effort into this situation, namely actually going down to the park and finding this ice cream man and attempting to coerce him to maybe drive his ice cream truck somewhere else every once and a while. Cars do have the ability to move from one place to another; it's a natural fact. I just don't care. I know he has to listen to that song more than I do, but he doesn't have to inflict it upon anyone else. It's like if someone has leprosy, they shouldn't come near anyone ever again. I don't care if you're a leper, there's a reason ditches were made: so lepers could sleep in them.

All this is hypothetical, of course, since we don't have lepers anymore, but homeless people can take the same advice. I'm sorry. That wasn't nice; although, I'm sure that many at our school would secretly agree. Hooray for going to such a diverse school!!! This is just what happens to me when I think about the ice cream man. I get upset.

I just hope you are reading this, ice cream man. I hope that you have some sort of comprehension of my hatred for you. I just want you to leave; please give me some peace and quiet. I don't want to come down to the park and confront you. But it will happen soon. I will walk down from my ivory tower and confront you. And probably just end up buying a Choco Taco.

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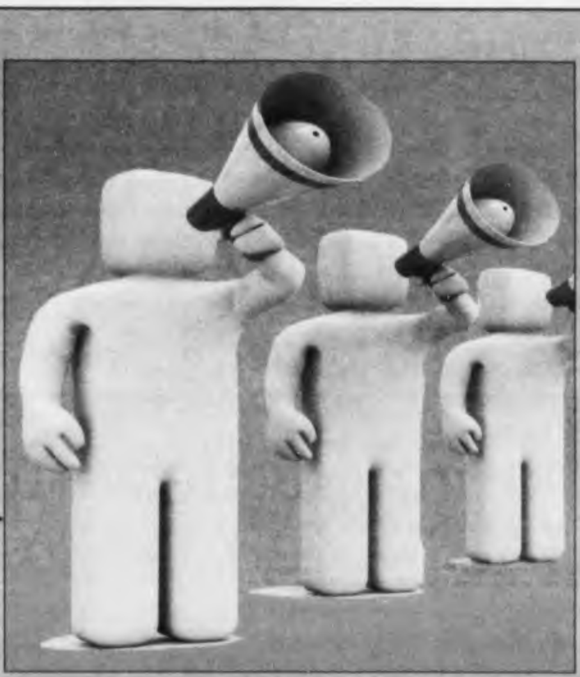
to Governor Perry's record, and I hope that all of the other Troy Davises of the world get a second chance at a fair trial. The justice system is not broken, but it needs to enter the 21st century. In 21st century America we set the tone, we raise the bar, and we inspire others. The first step we can take to accomplish that is to abolish the death penalty.



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Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 19 – Larceny/Theft – At the 23rd and Gordon Sts. parking lot, there was a report of theft of a parking sticker. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 19 – Point of Information – On the back drive, there was a report of water from a steam pipe from a boiler spraying on a vehicle. Plant Operations responded. There was no further incident.

Sept. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 19 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 20 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found guitar in a case. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The guitar was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 20 – Lost Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a lost iPod at the cardio loft. There is no further information at this time.

Sept. 20 – Sexual Assault – On campus, there was a report of a sexual assault in a residential house. In compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Safety Act of 1990, the campus community should know that on Sept. 20 the Department of Campus Safety received information of an alleged sexual assault. The alleged incident occurred on campus in a residential facility on or about Sat., Sept. 17. The alleged suspect is a non-student who is known to the victim and has left campus. The Department of Campus Safety urges the community to be alert and take steps to protect yourself in social situations. To protect yourself, do not leave drinks unattended and be wary of accepting drinks from people you do not know well. Furthermore, make sure that you open and pour your own drinks, and do not share drinks with others. Another step to protect yourself is to use a buddy system while socializing and when you go out with friends, agree to keep an eye on one another and to go home together. If a friend starts to exhibit signs of high intoxication or drug ingestion, seek medical help immediately. Signs to look for include dizziness, nausea, vomiting, memory loss, breathing or motion difficulty, and acting disproportionately intoxicated relative to the amount of alcohol consumed.

Sept. 20 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of theft of items from a locker. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 21 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a found driver's license change of address card. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner retrieved the item.

Sept. 21 – Found Property – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and later claimed the wallet.

Sept. 21 – Disabled Vehicle/Motor Vehicle Assist – At 2242 Tilghman St., there was a report of a vehicle stuck in mud and causing minor damage to grass. Plant Operations was notified and responded. AAA also responded and removed the vehicle. Plant Operations was notified to repair the damage.

Sept. 21 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment by communication. The reporting individual knows the individual. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 21 – Smoke/Burning Odor – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a fire in a gas-fed dryer. The fire alarm did not activate due to the fire being extinguished. Notifications were made for the dryer to be repaired and cleaned. There was no further incident.

Sept. 22 – Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) – On the front drive, there was a report of a vehicle parked in the front circle with excessive amounts of tickets and with no registration. The vehicle was booted. The individual was identified and the boot was removed.

Sept. 22 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, nothing could be found that would set off the detector. The detector went off a second time. Plant Operations was notified to respond and replace the detector. There was no further incident.

Sept. 22 – Fire/Safety Violation – At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire safety violation due to a smoke detector being covered. The covered smoke detector was discovered in a common room that is to be secured upon inspection with a fire marshal. The bag covering the detector was removed. A Fire Safety Violation will be sent to the residents. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 22 – Injured Visitor – In the football stadium, there was a report of an injured visitor. The individual transported themselves to the hospital. There was no further information or incident.

Sept. 22 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, A Level, there was a report of several found items including jackets, a sweater, eyeglass case, pencil case, and books. It is unknown when the items were found or to whom they belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 22 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner was notified and picked up the item.

Sept. 22 – Lost Property – In Trumbower, first floor, there was a report of a found laptop. The item was placed in property storage. The owner was notified and later picked up the item.

Sept. 22 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individuals were identified and the alcohol was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 23 – Found Property – In the football stadium, there was a report of found lacrosse equipment found on the field. The owner was identified and notified. The owner retrieved the items.

Sept. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2228 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. A resident of the house notified Campus Safety that the cause of the alarm was due to cooking and that there was no working fire in the house. Plant Operations replaced the detector. There was no further incident.

Sept. 23 – Fire Alarm SEE PAGE 5

Homecoming follow-up

Homecoming King Kelly Kirkley and Queen Rachel Jakubowitcz pose together on the Court.

Sounding – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The alarm was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2245 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The alarm was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 24 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a student who wanted to see Muhlenberg College EMS for a medical issue. Muhlenberg College EMS was notified along with the on-call nurse at the Health Center. The student was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 24 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was an alcohol violation. The individuals were identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 24 – Injured Visitor – In the Haas College Center, first floor, there was a report of an injured visitor. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The individual refused further medical treatment.

Sept. 24 – Found Property – On Chew St., a student turned in a cell phone found on Chew St. by Robertson Hall. The owner was identified and notified. The owner later retrieved the item.

Sept. 24 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The alarm was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 24 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of a found ID card and room key. The item was placed in property control.

Sept. 24 – Fire Alarm System Trouble Sounding – At Phi Kappa Tau, there was a report of a fire alarm. The mechanical room was very hot and the heat detector was activated. The room was vented before the alarm could be reset.

Sept. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a student vomiting in the bathroom. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The individual was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At the Hillcrest House, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and the Health Center were notified. Allentown EMS was also notified. The individual was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 25 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of three found College ID cards at the Seegers Information Desk. The students were contacted via email to retrieve the ID cards at Campus Safety. Two students have retrieved the items.

Sept. 25 – Found Property – On the front drive, there was a report of a found student ID card and keys found on a bench in Parents Plaza. The owner was contacted via email to retrieve the items at Campus Safety. The individual later retrieved the items.

Sept. 25 – Found Property – On the back drive, there was a report of an ID card from Orefield Middle School. The Middle School will be contacted regarding the found item.

Sept. 25 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost key. The key has been lost for a few days. The individual was advised to contact the Office of Residential Services.

Sept. 25 – Lost Property – Off campus, there was a report of a lost ID, debit card, and driver's license. The individual may have lost the items at Lupo's Bar. The student's ID card was deactivated and replaced. The student was advised to notify Campus Safety if the items are found. There has been no further information.

Sept. 25 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and the Health Center were notified. The student refused further medical attention.

Sept. 25 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In the New Science Building, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, there were no signs of smoke or fire. A duct detector was activated due to moisture in the system. Simplex was notified and responded to address the matter. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 25 – Property Damage (Non-Criminal Act) – In Seegers Union, there was a report of broken glass in the Woods Dining Common. The glass broke when it was hit while one of the employees was performing their duties. There were no injuries. The glass was cleaned up.

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EEOC finds cause for charges in Seigle's discriminatory case

by Ellen R. Delisio

It has been almost two years since Dr. Joel Seigle of the Muhlenberg History department was denied tenure. That decision resulted in conferences and appeals, and ultimately, an anti-Semitism charge filed by Dr. Seigle. In a series of articles published in the *Weekly* last year, Dr. Seigle outlined the situation and reported on the action being taken. The case is far from over, however, and there may be some major developments before very long.

"It's my understanding that something will happen very soon."

To trace the situation back to its beginning, Dr. Seigle became eligible for tenure in Dec. 1977, after completing six years of teaching. He was eligible because he was hired in Sept. 1972 before the new tenure policy went into effect in 1974. This limited tenurable positions to two-thirds per department.

Dr. Seigle was denied tenure, according to Dr. Morey, because he did not receive recommendations from the Faculty Personnel Committee, Dean Stenger and Dr. Morey. They stated that the History department needed to cut back on the number of faculty, and there was more need for someone to teach American rather than European history which was what Dr. Seigle was teaching. Dr. Seigle maintained that he was never told his position was being converted to that of an American historian, nor was he ever asked to teach American history, which he felt he was capable of doing.

Dr. Seigle then appealed to the Faculty Board of Appeals, and after an investigation, the FBA asked Dr. Morey, Dean Stenger and the Faculty Personnel Committee to reconsider their decisions. These parties said their decisions were final.

In August, 1978, Dr. Seigle filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, stating that he was denied tenure because he was Jewish. (He did not bring the matter up with the FBA because it does not deal with issues of that nature.) The EEOC notified the college of the charge.

That has been the situation until recently. According to Mr. Michael Golden, Dr. Seigle's lawyer, and Dr. Seigle, the EEOC notified Muhlenberg and Dr. Seigle on Aug. 9, 1979 that the EEOC had found cause for charges. It is the hope of the EEOC to arrange a conference between the two parties, and arrive at a settlement. If a settlement cannot be reached, the EEOC could either take the college to court or drop the case. If that happens, Dr. Seigle could sue the college himself.

In the meantime, Dr. Seigle is waiting. "I'm looking for another job, which is a very time-consuming process. I also filed for unemployment recently, and I'm doing a fair amount of reading."

He is far from discouraged. "It's my understanding that something will happen very soon. I believe the EEOC will undertake litigation on my behalf."

The college itself has had little to say on the matter. At the first faculty meeting held on Sept. 7, a question was raised about the status of the case. According to a faculty member who was in attendance, Dr. Morey responded that the EEOC had reached a decision, but he did not say what it was. He also said the EEOC would be arranging for a discussion, but the arrangements hadn't been made yet.

As for Dr. Seigle, he has been patient this long and he will continue to be patient. "I am determined to see this matter through until the very end."

Dr. Joel D. Seigle, former Assistant Professor of History, is "determined to see this matter through to the very end."

S.C. discusses organizations' budgets

by Mark Marotta

Student Council hurriedly glanced at a number of issues at its September 20 meeting in an attempt to have enough time to allow various student organizations to present their budgetary demands.

Mark Paris reported that a proposal was sent to the Faculty Curriculum Committee which would remove the faculty's right to hold an advisory vote on the calendar. The proposal was in reaction to problems and "fiascoes which took place last year" when the calendar was being discussed. Paris pointed out that no *de jure* powers of the faculty were being given away.

Bill Krenz told Council that the Grievance Board, looking through its records, has found that Dr. Morey has done well with the "business and financial" sides of the College. However, discussion must yet be initiated on the matters of lawsuits involving the College, the faculty unionization move, security problems, and communications between sectors of the College community.

According to Mike Vallely, the College Committee on Student Affairs (CCSA), after meeting earlier in the week, presented its decision regarding the present crisis in Student Court. Tim Birch is to serve as "temporary and interim" Court President until a vote, involving only this year's Court members, is taken. Such election will not occur until a six-person commission, consisting of members of CCSA and Student Council, analyzes the Court Constitution and presents proposed amendments. No mention was made as to how binding the proposals made by the committee will be.

Following a rather long procession of club representatives presenting to Council demands for funding, Mitch Schwartz pointed out that a deficit would result if Council tried to satisfy each organization. Some optimism was expressed that a solution may be found to prevent the recurrence of such a crisis next year, but with the economic system increasingly in disarray, such hope could prove unwarranted.

At this time, retractions and corrections of statements made in last week's Student Council article are in order. It was reported that $750 was allocated by Council to the Institution of Sound to purchase a piano. In fact, the piano cost $710, of which only a small part came from Council; the major source for the funds were last year's Barnegat Concert and other showings on Epsy Day and Folk Fest Day. Mitch Schwartz also incorrectly told council that the whereabouts of the piano were unknown. However, according to Vic Capo, the piano is presently "in storage on campus and arrangements are being made for its availability" to the rest of the campus.

Israeli Vice Consul Barkan speaks to 'Berg Hillel informed about Mid East-Palestine Status

by Steven Levin

"The existence of Israel is the Jews' of the world only insurance policy." These words were uttered by Nimrod Barkan, Vice Consul in the Consulate General of Israel in Philadelphia, during a question and answer period following a speech. Barkan spoke at Muhlenberg College on Tuesday night, September 18. His presentation was sponsored by the Muhlenberg Hillel organization as well as B'nai Brith.

Al Rosenbaum, president of Muhlenberg Hillel, introduced the Vice Consul. The subject of his speech was the present policy of the U. S. administration towards the Middle East.

Barkan outlined the U. S. policy towards the Middle East situation as of 1975. He said that the U. S. wants a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East. Barkan stressed the importance of the word "comprehensive." The U. S. policy, according to Barkan, asked three things: a.) The total Israeli withdrawal from lands taken in 1967 during the Six Day War, b.) A peace treaty signed by Arabs and Israel, c.) A solution to the Palistinean problem. Barkan saw this comprehensive policy as unrealistic. The P. L. O. and Syria would not recognize Israel, nor would they negotiate with Israel.

Nimrod Barkan, vice consul in the Consulate General of Israel in Philadelphia answers questions on Tuesday, September 18.

According to Barkan, an immediate comprehensive settlement is impossible. The P. L. O. does not accept the existence of a Jewish Nation. The P. L. O. is not willing to compromise. They are not a western type of government and they do not and will not understand appeasement.

Barkan spoke for approximately 15 minutes and then answered questions from the audience. In one question regarding the P. L. O., Barkan replied that the P. L. O. only recognizes its own rights. They are anti-Jewish. They collaborated with the Nazis in World War II. Also, the P. L. O. is not interested in forming its own state.

In another question, Barkan was asked to explain why Israel was considered a western state. He replied that Israel was created in 1948. Most of the people who came to Israel then were Europeans who were educated in European schools. The people who run the country today are these same people. Barkan added that Israel believes in solution by compromise. The success of peace depends on the ability of the Arabs to compromise.

In regard to Anwar Sadat of Egypt, Barkan was asked that if Sadat fell, would the chance of peace in the Middle East disappear? Barkan firmly answered no. Presently, Sadat is staying in power. Therefore he has supporters. If Sadat lost power, his supporters would still be present.

Barkan told the audience that Israel is presently looking for a group to support the Palistineans other than the P. L. O. The P. L. O.'s position towards Israel will not change. Barkan believes that the Middle East conflict might settle down, but will not be solved in the near future.

Nimrod Barkan was born in Tel-Aviv in 1952. He has held the position of Vice Consul in the Consulate General of Israel in Philadelphia since August 1, 1979.

PBK Scholar Dr. Paul Fussell lectures about the Imaginative Tempering of Fact

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, Dr. Paul Fussell gave a provocative lecture on "The Fiction of Fact" at the Science Lecture Hall. The speech was conducted under the auspices of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program and was co-sponsored by the Convocations Committee.

Dr. Fussell discussed the fine and often arbitrary line which distinguishes autobiographies from memoirs. By centering his discussion on the First World War, Fussell maintained that the reporting of fact or history is virtually impossible. Instead he felt that all accounts of the past are necessarily tempered by the artist's imagination.

The following day Dr. Fussell joined several college classes and guest lectured on his many areas of interest. One such class was Dr. Dierolf's *War and Literature Seminar*. It was in this lecture that Fussell explained the tactics and techniques of French warfare with a facile command of English which one Muhlenberg student has termed "disgustingly eloquent!"

The John DeWitt Professor of English Literature at Rutgers University since 1976, Paul Fussell began teaching there in 1955 after four years as an instructor in English at Connecticut College. He was a Fulbright lecturer at the Universitat Heidelberg in 1957-58, held a National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Fellowship in 1973-74, and received a Guggenheim fellowship for 1977-78. On the editorial board of *Studies in English Literature* (Rice University), Mr. Fussell has been a visiting lecturer at such institutions as Princeton University, Bennington College, Stanford University, the University of Virginia, and Wellesley College, and he is a contributing editor of both *The New Republic* and *Harper's*.

Paul Fussell is the author of *Theory of Prosody in Eighteenth-Century England, Poetic Meter and Poetic Form, The Rhetorical World of Augustan Humanism; Samuel Johnson and the Life of Writing,* and *The Great War and Modern Memory,* for which he received both the 1976 National Book Award and Phi Beta Kappa's 1976 Ralph Waldo Emerson Award. In 1976 he was named a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature of the United Kingdom. His fields of special interest are English literature from the Renaissance to the present, poetic theory, and modern cultural history.

Dr. Paul Fussell, Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar lectures on "The Fact of Fiction."

> "To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all."
> - Oscar Wilde

Muhlenberg's *New Voices* festival showcases world premiere plays

By Jess Altman & Samantha Sembler
Life Writers

Two cast members in a scene from continuance.
Photo Courtesy of Scott Snyder

Five new short plays by emerging playwrights, will premiere during the Theatre & Dance Department's *New Voices* festival from Oct. 1-5. The Department produces a *New Voices* festival every other year as part of its mainstage season.

New voices is an opportunity for audiences to see some provocative new plays for the first time anywhere, by very talented young writers," says Charles Richter, Muhlenberg's Director of Theatre and the Artistic Director of the festival. "It has great I was there when' potential for the audience—that 20 years down the road, they'll be able to say they saw a prominent playwright's very first produced play."

The evening of one-acts is about two hours long, including intermission. It will be presented for six performances in the college's intimate 100-seat Studio Theatre. The evening includes plays ranging in subject matter from a dramatic crisis at the family dinner table to a bizarre business meeting.

Zach Trebino's "...continuance..." explores the mother-son dynamic in an innovative, often surreal piece, in which the characters act out a pivotal event from earlier in the mother's life. "A lot of my work is word-based; it's an artistic experiment," says Trebino, a 2011 graduate whose last project at Muhlenberg was directing last season's mainstage production "Polaroid Stories." "I wrote the actual story that is being told by the mother first, and then about a year later added on the extra role-playing layer."

Trebino directed a well-received production of George Buchner's *Woyzeck* for the Philly Fringe Festival 2011, presented by his theater collective, Homunculus, Inc. One reviewer called the production "painfully good. ... It worked exquisitely." Directing "... continuance..." is another returning alum, Vanessa Lancellotti, a 2010 graduate.

Three cast members of "You Understand".
Photo Courtesy of Scott Snyder

In December, Lancellotti founded Punch Theatre, a physical theater company influenced by the commedia dell'arte performance style. With Punch she has directed two original productions in the spring and summer of 2011: "The Skin You Leave Behind," in New York, and "Architecture," performed in New York and at the CrisisArt Festival in Tuscany, Italy. "This is a great opportunity to come back to Muhlenberg and work with the next generation of students," Lancellotti says. "I'm used to having to do everything myself with Punch, and it's a luxury to be working with a great team."

Lancellotti also directs Davis Alianiello's '13 "Make Your Acquaintance," which Alianiello describes as "a glimpse of a very peculiar lunch meeting; ridiculousness ensues." To me, this play says a lot about the amount of energy we put into self-construction," he says. "I think it prevents us from forming actual connections. We spend a lot of time thinking about ourselves in a bubble, hyper-self-conscious about who we are and how we come off."

Two cast members of continuance.
Photo Courtesy of Scott Snyder

Shannon Leigh Wittenberger's '11 "Transcranium," directed by Danielle Barlow '13, examines relationships—but from inside the befuddled head of its protagonist. Either her boyfriend is real, and her psychiatrist is imaginary, or it's the other way around. Or maybe neither one is real. "There was this TV commercial, with a therapist talking to a patient about a giant imaginary pizza oven," Wittenberg '11 says. "The shrink says, 'You know the pizza oven's not real,' and I started thinking, what if he responds, 'The pizza oven says you're not real.' That was the starting point. The pizza oven turned into a boyfriend, of course."

Eliana Sagarin's '14 "Fast," directed by Amanda Lenti '12, offers a retrospective of a friendship between two teenage boys, who turn out to be very different from one another."The play is a journey to unearth the ties that bind us to the people we care about," Sagarin '14 says. "I think Muhlenberg celebrates risks. In this festival, the diversity is so apparent and each play takes a risk in a different way."

Kate Brenner's '13 "You Understand," directed by Richter, depicts a modern family that rapidly unravels one night over the course of dinner—and the aftermath of the unraveling."I wanted the audience to ask questions about what should happen when things don't go as planned," Brenner '13 says. "What lengths do people go to, to preserve their status quo?"

In addition to the five fully- produced plays, the festival will feature staged readings of four other short plays, in a free performance on Oct. 2 and Oct. 5 in the Baker Center for the Arts Recital Hall. The readings are directed by Bill Mutimer and feature the work of Dan Brennan '11, Leah Holleran '12, Josh Shapiro '13, and Aly Trombitas '14.

New Voices performances are Sat. through Wed. Oct. 1-5 at 8 p.m., as well as Sun. Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for patrons 17 and under. Performances are in the Studio Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance. The *New Voices* Staged Readings performance is Sun., Oct. 2, at 5 p.m., and Wed., Oct. 5, at 8 p.m., in the Recital Hall, Baker Center for the Arts. Admission is free and tickets are not required. *New Voices* is for mature audiences. Performance information and tickets are available at 484-664-3333 or www.muhlenberg.edu/theatre.

It all starts with a cough…*Contagion*

By Ryan M. Habe
Life Writer

Matt Damon starring in *Contagion*.

Photo Courtesy of Flickr.com

Contagion is this year's most infectious thriller yet. It starts with a cough and expands into a worldwide infection of panic and death. It's the calm before the storm and Soderbergh sits you right in its infusion as it threatens. This film will definitely instill a widespread outbreak use of hand sanitizer, antibacterial soap; cough medicine and paranoia of immense proportions.

The unnerving panic across the world shows you the desperate lengths people will go too, reaching far beyond the simple drug store looting. Soderbergh thoroughly illustrates the raging menace that fear can instill when a global pandemic occurs.

Contagion has an amazing cast of actors from Matt Damon, Jude Law, and Gwyenth Paltrow to Laurence Fishburne, Kate Winslet, and Marion Cotillard. You follow their individual experiences throughout the film as each person attempts to cope with the disease as it takes hold of them in its own way.

Effectively, the movie opens with the simple cough seemingly belonging to a person with an average cold. Little do you know what unfolds soon afterwards, as you watch the infected one by one drop like flies. Contagion leaves no sick person behind. All are literally left for dead. This lethal plague disintegrates our cast and extras at such an alarming rate, that none are too famous to be untouched. It even sparks a heated political conspiracy led by Jude Law.

The reality of this film is surprisingly to the point. You feel like you're living the disease and susceptible to it's "movie spectacular" strain. The director does not rely on special effects, therefore creating a non-hoaxy environment, for us to inhabit for the one hour and forty-five minutes you're sitting in your seat.

What is in at the gym?

By Natalie Weiss
Life Writer

Working up a sweat does not mean you can let your fashion guard down. The right gym wear will bring out your inner "fun and flirty" fashionista. First thing is first. The gym is an easy way to show the world your likes and dislikes. For example, wearing one of those "Gym, Tan Laundry" T-shirts cries, "I love Jersey Shore!" "I love my Boyfriend" T-shirts will let the guys know that they should move on to the next T-shirt.

Matching outfits are a gym must. Do not go to the gym in bright orange shorts and a leopard print top. Actually, do not ever wear that unless Alexander McQueen gives you the outfit personally. Feel free to coordinate free weights with your gym wear. Lifting blue weights with a red T-shirt is very patriotic, and pink weights will really make a black outfit pop. Don't be afraid to show off your organization or team every once in awhile. Shorts with Greek letters on the behind, a Red Sox baseball cap, or a Muhlenberg Track Jacket are all fashionably acceptable. However, be careful not to go overboard with this look. Let's keep the soccer uniforms on the field. Finally, do not mix and match all of these looks. In other words, try to stay away from a "My parents went away and all I got was this lousy T-shirt" with school colored pants and yellow free weights.

Speaking from experience, the gym is not a place to show the waist, or any other inappropriate body part. Muhlenberg College itself has a somewhat strict dress code in that any type of tank is forbidden. If waltz into the Life Sports Center with a wife beater, expect to be sent home. However, the experts who devised such a code were most likely trendy and knew that muscle shirts and lingerie bring a whole new meaning to the term "dumbbells." Keeping it classy at the gym is a sure way to win.

Finally, as I go from head to toe, try not to be too daring when it comes to shoe wear. Obviously, or not so obviously, flip-flops, high heels and Timberlands can all stay in the closet. Sneakers can be tricky because most of the sneakers that are in right now are not proper for the gym. For example, while the NikeID and WeSC shoe collections look amazing (for men) with a bar III blazer and a pair of Volcom Men's Frickin Modern Chino Pants, unfortunately, the Life Sports Center does not include a skate park.

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The Panda Girl... The Weekly's Advice

Dear Panda Girl-

That's such a weird name for an advice person. Why not like the typical Dear Abby or whatever? But that's not why I'm emailing you. So, at first, my roommate and I were doing fine. I thought living with her would be the best thing ever. But now, I'm not so sure. She always gets mad at me cuz I'm up late doing work and she's trying to sleep. She has a 9am class and her alarm wakes ME up, but not her. Her laundry just kind of piles up around our room, and a bunch of other little stuff that's just driving me mad. She's my best friend, but I'm this close to snapping and giving her a good kick in the teeth. Advice?

-Dorm-mate Disaster

Dear Disaster-

The Panda thing is kind of a long story; maybe I'll have an article in the future explaining it. For now, let's just leave it at me really loving panda bears.

Unfortunately, you're best friend can easily become your worst nightmare once you decide to live together. Lifestyles clash, and things can get out of hand if you don't nip these problems in the bud. It's time to just sit down and have a serious conversation with your roommate. It sounds like it's time to set a few ground rules to make both of your lives a little easier. Try talking about what really bothers you, and WHY it bothers you. Does her laundry bother you because it smells? Or because it's in 'your space'? Or is it just that you dislike clutter? Understanding the why can help the two of you work to finding a solution. Don't forget that all good relationships are about compromise.

The two of you need to adjust your routines to help each other. Hear out what she has to say. Maybe she can't sleep if you're moving around or making too much noise. Try respecting her desires and doing your nighttime work in the library, or being extra careful not to make too much noise, or blocking your computer screen so it doesn't shine in her face. Try comparing schedules, so you can see when the other may be busy, so you can respect each other's needs. Does she have a big test coming up? Help her out by not blasting your music or watching a movie while she's trying to study. Do you have a big project to research for? Ask her if she could leave you alone so you can focus, then let her know when it's ok for her to return to normal.

Most important in all of this is communication. If you do not communicate, you will never accomplish anything. Lack of communication can bubble up in your stomach like lava until it explodes out of you. This can lead to a big fight that ruins a perfectly wonderful friendship all because of a dropped sock. Don't let small things have so much control of your relationship with your roomie! Take charge of the situation, and life for the both of you will be much better.

Best of luck!
-The Panda Girl

Got a problem or concern and need advice? Send your letters to:
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or via campus mail to Box #2072

This Weekend on Campus

Thurs. Sept. 29

1) Zumba Gold from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the Life Sports Center

2) Common Hour: Practicing Pedagogy: ePortfolios & Contemporary Learners at SGU 108-110

3) Community Garden Work Day from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Garden

Fri. Sept. 30

1) Shabbat Dinner from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Hillel

2) Field Hockey from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Scotty Wood Stadium

3) Student Performers (Multi-Day Event) from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Red Door

Sat. Oct. 1

1) Men's Soccer from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Varsity Field

2) New Voices 2011from 8:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. at TPX, Black Box

3) Andy Suzuki & the Method with Matt Dunne from 9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. at the Red Door

Sun. Oct. 2

1) New Voices 2011from 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at TPX, Black Box

2) New Voices Staged Readings from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Recital Hall in the CA

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Are you interested in writing about events that occur on campus?
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Career Center Events

Fri., Sept. 30
MSP Application Deadline
Deadline for applications for the MSP due in the Career Center by 5:00pm today. Be sure to upload your resume to Career Connections prior to dropping off your application.

Mon., Oct. 3
Applying to Law School- 5-6:00 PM, Moyer 109

Tues., Oct. 4
"Ga Ga for Grad School" - Make your application move directly to the "YES" pile! - 2:45-1:15pm, In the Career Center

Public Health Graduate School Session- 7:00-8:00 PM Moyer 109

Wed., Oct. 5
Federal Jobs Workshop- 5:00—6:00 PM, Moyer 109

Men's Soccer streak ends, Women tie Haverford

BY ERIC MARGULIES
SPORTS WRITER

The Men's win streak of five in a row ended this week as the Mules fell to the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays with a score of 1-0. Traveling to Baltimore, MD has been unlucky for the Mules and resulted in their fifth straight loss at Homewood Field. Men's Soccer was undefeated before this loss and are now 5-1 on the year with a record of 1-1 in the conference.

The conference game was another physical match resulting in seven cards, including one red card in the 31st minute, which forced the Mules to play with a man down for the final 60 minutes. This shifted the momentum to the Blue Jays, but the Mules were able to defend with only ten players until the 44th minute when a Hopkins player buried a shot in the goal, making it 1-0.

Junior Goalkeeper Ari Nutovits was able to keep the game within distance with some miraculous saves in which he charged an advancing forward and punched a shot away from point blank range.

Muhlenberg had some opportunities but were unable to score. Junior Midfielder Nate Squire had a free kick in the 66th minute, but the Blue Jay Keeper was able to stop the ball. Sophomore Defender Bucky Aronoff also had an opportunity on a deflection from a corner kick, but it was also stopped.

Women's Soccer had a better result as they tied the Haverford Fords 1-1. The Fords are ranked fourth in the region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, but the Mules were able to hang with them.

The Fords took an early lead in the 19th minute, but then the Mules began to make a push. After the half the Mules realized they could keep up with Haverford and their confidence was demonstrated by their play.

In the 53rd minute Sophomore Midfielder Stephanie Tramutola crossed a ball from the right into the box. The keeper for Haverford punched the ball out, but it landed right in from of Freshman Midfielder Leah Messler, who blasted the ball into the back of the net to tie the game.

There were more opportunities for both teams, but it did not look promising for the Mules when a Haverford player shot a ball with less than 25 minutes to play. Senior Goalkeeper Michele Toher made a one-handed diving catch to prevent a score change.

Toher finished the game with eight saves and held the Fords to only one goal. The team played very well and discovered that they could compete with anyone.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football
(2-1, 2-1 CC)
9/24 @ Johns Hopkins L 27-17

Men's Soccer
(5-1, 1-1 CC)
9/23 @ Johns Hopkins L 1-0

Women's Soccer
(4-1, 1-1 CC)
9/21 Haverford T 1-1
9/24 @ Johns Hopkins L 3-0
9/25 @ Stevenson L 2-1

Field Hockey
(1-6, 0-3 CC)
9/20 vs. Haverford L 5-1
9/23 @ Johns Hopkins L 4-0

Volleyball
(3-10, 1-1 CC)
9/20 vs. Moravian L 3-0
9/24 @ Johns Hopkins L 3-0

Cross Country Team is small but going strong

BY JOY FORLENZA
SPORTS EDITOR

The Muhlenberg Cross Country team may not have as many runners as they did last year, but the runners that they do have are more than enough to sustain the team and stand a good chance against all teams in the Centennial Conference this year. Both the men and women competed in the Dickinson Long-Short Invitation this past weekend and proved that their running capabilities are up to par for running short and long.

The meet was split into a long race (8K for men, 6K for women) and a short race (4K for both). Each team member ran one of the two races. The top three team members in each race were counted toward the team score. The men ranked in fourth place for the meet, beating Johns Hopkins by one point. They finished behind Dickinson, Carnegie Mellon, and Johns Hopkins, which are ranked second, fourth, and fifth in the Mid-East region, respectively. The Mule men are ranked ninth in the region.

Since the Lady Mules only had two runners in the long race, they were unable to record a team score. However, in the short race they finished in second place right behind Dickinson, the second ranked team in the region. Even more impressive, Junior Samantha Mayden placed third out of 179 runners in the long run and Sophomore Nicki Cronin placed in third in the 4K. There were only five Lady Mules racing at Dickinson out of 13 this past weekend due to illness and injuries that consumed the other runners. This meet revealed great potential in the runners that are healthy and provided the team with more confidence in handling unfavorable situations. They also did well considering the muddy terrain. However, Junior Erica Bash feels that they are capable of doing better and saw this meet more as an opportunity to see where their strengths currently stand against the Centennial Conference teams they're competing against later in the season.

Bash gave some insight on how the time is fairing this season, considering it is much smaller than in other years. She said, "Our team strengths are our dedication and small size. The team was already small coming into the season, yet we lost even more girls to injury and lack of time to devote to the team. We put in a lot of hard work and time into our training so cross-country definitely is not for everyone. All of the girls who are still on the team truly want to be part of the team."

It certainly seems that if some of the Lady Mules heal promptly and the healthy runners stay fit then they will be a force in the conference and the region. Bash says that the Centennial Conference has gotten more competitive since her freshman year and now has some of the top teams in the region, but that the Lady Mules have experienced improvement over time as well. Last year the Lady Mules finished 6th in the conference and 12th in the region, compared to 7th and 25th place in 2009. "During preseason we set a goal as a team to just keep improving from where we were last year," Bash said.

The next meet for the men and women's teams will be the Paul Short Run being held this Saturday at Lehigh University.

LONG SHORT INVITATIONAL

Junior Samantha Mayden won a shirt for finishing in the top ten.

COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

Living in a fantasy land

By Jeremy fuchs
Sports Writer

Hi, my name is Jeremy Fuchs and I am a fantasy football addict. They say admitting it is the hardest step, so I'm off to a good start.

Ask any football fan here on campus and odds are they will be in a fantasy league. Some will play it for fun, only checking it occasionally. Some will put in a little bit of money, caring enough to check a good amount, but won't be too upset with the results.

And then there's me. No, I didn't put in a crazy amount of money (I'm not that insane) but I play as if I did. I check multiple times a day, reading everything I can. I scour the waiver wires, looking for that sleeper (and to everyone in my league, stop claiming my incredible waiver claims. You're just jealous). I have an app on my phone so I can discreetly check it in class, at dinner, or wherever the urge strikes me.

And I'm not the only one. This past Sunday, when news that Cleveland Browns running back Peyton Hillis was going to miss the game with strep throat, I texted my roommate, who has him on his team and relies upon his services for victory. Although he was at lunch, as soon as he got my text he ran back to the room to replace him. Because, as any serious fantasy player knows, leaving an injured player in as a starter is like an East Coaster bumpin' Tupac on their iPod. It's just wrong.

There are some who might think my addiction to fantasy football puts me in, well, a fantasy land. After all, I have no control over what these players do. I have no connection to these players. I'm just looking at stats and match-ups and, basically, hoping for the best.

But, this is as close as fans will get to running a "team." I'm slow and short, so my odds of making the NFL are low. As such, my odds of becoming a GM, or coach, dwindle. And as much as I want to make billions of dollars and own a team, I'm also realistic.

So playing fantasy football might be my only option. I get to draft players, sign, trade, and put a team together. I have control over which players I start, which I bench, and I follow their progress agonizingly.

And being a fantasy football player makes me a more informed fan. I'm not just watching my Giants play on Sunday. I'm watching every game available, so I can see how my players are doing. If the game isn't on TV, I'm following it online. I know more about players now than I did before I started playing fantasy. I can tell you who backs up Ray Rice, not because I'm a newfound Baltimore Ravens fan, but because Rice is my starting running back, and if he goes down, I need to pick up Ricky Williams to replace him.

I don't pretend that my fantasy playing puts me in charge, or makes me even remotely qualified to put together a real team. It doesn't. I'm just a fan with an internet connection. But fantasy is a real thing. It's become so mainstream that ESPN and other outlets have fantasy "experts," who write and talk about who to start, who to sit, and more, and get paid well to do so (I'm not sure how one procures that job, but it has to be the best thing ever).

So, for all those who are reading this and thinking I'm crazy, don't worry: I'm just living in a fantasy land, anyway.

Want to write for Sports? Join our team!

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Senior captain spotlight

FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

PATRICK MCDONOUGH

1) Hometown: Wyomissing, PA

2) Major/Minors: Business Administration/Finance Double major

3) Football position played: Middle Line Backer

4) When did you start playing football? I started playing football as soon as I could.

5) Favorite athletes: I don't really have a favorite professional football player I admire because I don't watch much NFL.

6) Favorite sports teams: I don't really have a favorite sports team, but if I had to watch anyone it would probably be the Eagles. I think that college athletics are more fun to watch.

7) Hobbies besides football: Reading, working out, playing video games

8) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Any favorite memories or valuable experiences with the team and/or coaches?
I like playing at Muhlenberg because of the team chemistry we have on and off the field. Also, the coaches at Muhlenberg are very good at their jobs, but know how to make the game fun and enjoyable.

9) Post-graduate plans or ideas? Find a job in sales or the sports industry.

FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

CHRIS HARTZELL

Courtesy of Chris Hartzell

1) Hometown: Sinking Spring, PA

2) Major/Minors: Business Administration/Finance Double Major

3)Football position played: Cornerback

4) When did you start playing football? at eight years old

5) Favorite athletes: Mike Vick and Desean Jackson

6) Favorite sports teams: all Philadelphia teams for every sport

7) Hobbies besides football: Porch hang with friends

8) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Any favorite memories or valuable experiences with the team and/or coaches?
I liked the fact that everyone on the team is very close like a family and we're all willing to help each other out in any situation.

9) Post-graduate plans or ideas? Financial Advisor

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Pivotal conference loss

By Eric Dolber
Sports Writer

This past Saturday the Mules traveled to Baltimore, MD to take on the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays. The Mules had not lost a game to the Blue Jays since 2006, but this would change. The Mules turned over the ball three times (the first game of the season where they lost the turnover battle) and lost their first Centennial Conference game of the season 27-17.

The game did not start off very promising for the Mules. Less than ten minutes in the game the Blue Jays took a 7-0 lead, but Muhlenberg would answer the bell. Junior Quarterback Dan Deighan connected with fellow Junior Wide Receiver J.T. Merklinger on a 44-yard pass on a third down and long situation. This put the Mules back in business in the Blue Jay red zone. However, the Mules would fail to score the game-tying touchdown and Senior Place Kicker Gregg Mercogliano converted on a 23-yard field goal to put the Mules on the board. The score was now 7-3 with less than a minute left in the first quarter.

The second half turned out to be the defensive quarter because both defenses kept their respective offenses off the scoreboard. The score remained 7-3 Blue Jays at halftime. Those Mule fans who traveled to Baltimore with the team believed that the Mules would come out of Baltimore with the huge upset after Muhlenberg's opening drive of the second half. They would be later disappointed, but Junior Quarterback Dan Deighan at the moment was very excited. He faked a handoff and connected with Junior Wide Receiver Marcus Toomey for a 66-yard touchdown pass that gave Muhlenberg a short standing lead of 10-7.

The Mules fans were going crazy! Toomey was ecstatic because this was his first touchdown as a Mule. This was also the fourth time this season that Deighan had thrown a touchdown of more than 40 yards. The Mules offense was proud to score the first touchdown against Johns Hopkins at this juncture in the season.

However, this lead did not last very long. On the ensuing driver, Hopkins drove all the way down to the Mules two-yard line. The Mules defense stopped the Blue Jays on three consecutive plays, but the Blue Jays went for it on fourth and goal. They punched it into the end zone and retook the lead at 14-10. The next drive for the Mules looked promising since they drove the ball into Hopkins' territory. The drive would not last that much longer since Deighan was picked off for the first time in 125 passing attempts.

The Blue Jays would turn this interception into another touchdown and would soon score another one midway through the fourth quarter to take a commanding 27-10 lead. Deighan connected with Toomey once again with 3:37 left to play in the game. The Muhlenberg fans were starting to believe again, but it was too little too late. The Mules tried an onside kick, but the Blue Jays recovered it and ran out the clock.

Freshman Line Backer Ian Gimbar and Senior Line Backer Patrick McDonough combine on a tackle.

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

The game ball went to Senior Linebacker Patrick McDonough, who set a career high with 16 tackles (ten of which were solo and one was for a loss).

The Mules are back at home to take on Susquehanna University this Saturday. They are looking to climb back over .500.

UPCOMING GAMES

Football
(2-2, 2-1 CC)
Sat. 10/1 vs. Susquehanna 1:00

Men's Soccer
(5-1, 1-1 CC)
Sat. 10/1 vs. Haverford 7:00
Wed. 10/5 vs. TCNJ 7:00

Field Hockey
(1-6, 0-3 CC)
Fri. 9/30 vs. Dickinson 7:00
Wed. 10/5 @ Bryn Mawr 4:30

Women's Soccer
(4--1, 1-1 CC)
Sat. 10/1 vs. Dickinson 4:00
Tues. 10/4 @ Scranton 7:00

Volleyball
(3-10, 1-1 CC)
Sat. 10/1 vs. Dickinson 11:00
vs. Mount St. Mary (N.Y.) 3:00
Wed. 10/5 @ Bryn Mawr 7:00

Women's Volleyball fundraiser for Pediatric Cancer This Saturday at 11 a.m!

Come watch the game and pledge!
Donations will go be going to Tanner's Touch and
Johns Hopkins Pediatric Research.

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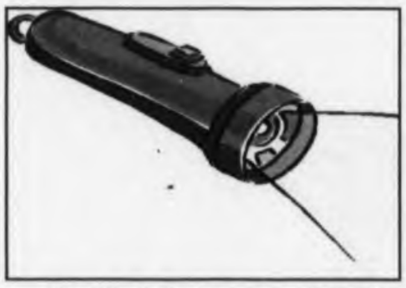

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Freshmen lead the field hockey team to victory

Jonah Lehrer offers a neurological perspective of memory

By Jennifer Freed
News Editor

Do you hold an intellectual curiosity for psychology, memory, or neuroscience? Do you tend to question the mysteries surrounding your memories or their purposes? Jonah Lehrer has the answers. On Wed., Oct. 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Empie Theatre, Center for the Arts, Lehrer spoke on many topics regarding memory, its manifestation and purpose.

Lehrer's talk, "Your Memory Is a Liar," was part of the Center for Ethics series, Memory and Forgetting. This event was co-sponsored by the Department of Psychology, the neuroscience program, and student activities.

Jonah Lehrer is an American journalist who writes on topics of psychology, neuroscience, and the relationship between science and the humanities. He is a popular science writer for *The New Yorker*, *Nature See*, *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, and he writes the "Head Case" column for *The Wall Street Journal*. Not only is he an avid writer for many of these papers, but he is also a contributing editor at *Wired Magazine* and National Public Radio's "Radio Lab."

In many of his talks, he discusses the science of memory to understand some of the myths surrounding how and why we remember, as well as how we forget. Lehrer has been called "something of a popular science prodigy," by *The New York Times*, and a man of "considerable talents." A graduate of Columbia University with a degree in neuroscience, Lehrer studied at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, where he received his master's degree in 20th century literature and philosophy.

Jonah Lehrer is the author of two books, both of which have received positive reviews. In *Proust Was a Neuroscientist*, his debut book, Lehrer argues for an intimate relationship between science and the humanities, and he holds that many discoveries of neuroscience are actually rediscoveries of insights made much earlier by various artists.

Jonah Lehrer at the podium
Photo courtesy of google images

In *How We Decide*, Lehrer argues there are two main parts of the brain involved in decision-making: the rational and the emotional. His thesis has been called into question based on current understanding of neuroscience.

On Feb. 5, 2009, he appeared on *The Colbert Report* to discuss one of his books.

Lehrer's curiosity for the mind and its components was a breath of fresh air for the neuroscience enthusiasts here at the College.

Pulitzer Prize winner Thomas Frech appears as part of Conrad W. Raker Lecture Series

By Jennifer Freed
News Editor

On Tues., Oct. 4, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., the Egner Memorial Chapel was lit and crowded to welcome Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist Thomas French. This event was not just any other lecture, but was instead a crucial part of the Conrad W. Raker Lecture Series, co-sponsored by the College and Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. French's talk was entitled "Storytelling."

Thomas French currently teaches narrative journalism and story mechanics. He worked as a reporter at the *St. Petersburg Times* in Florida until 2008, covering crime and the courts, hurricanes, riots, the secret lives of teenagers, and freeze-dried pets and many other topics of the Sunshine State.

For the greater part of the last twenty years, he has worked primarily as a narrative project reporter, writing serial narratives, which are book-length stories published one chapter at a time. French graduated from the Indiana University School of Journalism in 1980, and he later accepted an offer to join the faculty of his alma mater after working for the *St. Petersburg Times*.

In 1998, French was awarded the Pulitzer prize for feature writing *Angels & Demons*, a story which followed the case of an Ohio woman and her two teenage daughters who were murdered when they came to Tampa Bay for vacation. Other projects have included *13: Life at the Edge of Everything*, *The Hard Road*, *The Exorcist in Love*, *A Cry in the Night*, *A Cry in the Night and South of Heaven*, and *Zoo Story*.

In addition to his position at IU, French also teaches classes at the Pynter Institute, where he is a Writing Fellow, and at Goucher College.

Thomas French in the process of making a speech
Photo Courtesy of Google Images

Even with his busy schedule, French continues to find time to lead reporting and writing workshops across the country and the world.

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Fall Break fun

It's the time of year when the leaves turn colors and start to fall off the trees and hit us in the head as we walk down academic row. This is the signal that the College is getting ready to kick us out for four days, unless we live over 300 miles away. At this point in the semester, we definitely do not mind this break from the college after we all handed in our first papers and tests and received our grades. While you are home with hopefully not much to do, here are some activities to keep you busy:

1. Spend time with your family and update them on your life at school. Do not be shy on the details!
2. Catch up on sleep! Take at least one day to sleep and have a "lazy Sunday."
3. Go shopping! Both females and males can update their fall wardrobe to make sure they do not miss out on any of the latest trends.
4. Go out to your favorite restaurant and take in the delicious food.
5. Stay in with your friends from high school or go visit them at college.
6. Take advantage of getting out of the Muhlenbubble and take in the "real world."
7. Look up new television shows and watch any episodes you missed while you where busy doing homework, studying, and doing activities.
8. Enjoy the warm weather with your family, while it lasts!
9. Do a fun activity with your family, such as going apple picking, watching a movie, or cooking a meal together.
10. Have a happy and a healthy New Year with your family, for those of you celebrating Yom Kippur.

Whether you are going home, staying on campus, or visiting friends or family you should make time to relax and not do work or think about school. There are even more activities to do than these, so be creative and have fun!

The invisible adolescent

By Joshua Clement
Op/Ed Writer

My life is a pale imitation. I am one of a select group here at Muhlenberg; there are a few of us who struggle through our days, working to be recognized. Every social interaction becomes work; conversations become life or death situations. What I deal with, my battle, is being best friends with an ethnic person at Muhlenberg.

Let's be honest, we are pretty white here at Muhlenberg. It's not exactly the most commonplace thing to be friends with someone ethnic, much less room with one. My friend here is Indian, like Bollywood Indian. I believe he is one of six or so Indians on campus. It's the differences that create my problem, the distinctions between the homogeneous population and the few outliers. The others. It's the theory that I have developed to describe being the best friend of an ethnic person at Muhlenberg. My theory of living in the shadow of a shadow.

Now, obviously, since I am best friends with an ethnic person, I completely understand all of the plights and issues of living as a minority in a basically all white environment. So that makes me not racist. And I have seen the movie Do the Right Thing, so I'm unracist squared, and I celebrate MLK, not the day, but the person. So now that I have put that issue to bed like Tiger Woods (best topical joke ever), we can move on. It's a hard life being the second name called when someone says hello; of course, that's assuming that you even get noticed and get the conciliatory "Oh hi, I didn't see you, you blended in with the concrete." My friend is in the Drexel program here at Muhlenberg. I am not. I mean, I know I'm not pre-med or anything, but it would have been nice to ask me if I wanted to be in the program before jumping ahead and affirmative - actioning me out of a program I didn't want to be in. If I was just as qualified as him, why was I not asked to be in the program? Ok, so I wasn't as qualified, but I should still get my privilege, the privilege that comes from being Midwestern.

These kinds of things happen to me a lot, - well more so to my friend -, and I just feel emasculated. Before all pledging business began, my friend found a letter in our door from a frat, a hand-written invitation to rush for this unnamed frat. My friend was distraught. He had never spoken to a single person in this frat in his life and yet they found him, somehow. I mean, once again, I wasn't interested in this activity at all (I was born upon a Persian carpet under a Turkish ottoman, the Greeks hate me, too much bad blood) but it would have been nice to at least get a text message, or maybe like a chain

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A rape narrative for asylum

By Evan Kasakove
Op/Ed Writer

Caroline was raped. Or at least, that is what she had to tell Novick. An article in *The New Yorker* entitled "Asylum Seeker" vividly described the conversation between Caroline, at the time a twenty-something central African immigrant seeking asylum in the U.S., and Novick, a notoriously tough immigration officer who would decide Caroline's fate.

Caroline has to describe her rape in thorough detail to Novick who presses her for the specific details to seemingly test the veracity of her narrative. Caroline tells the story convincingly and Novick seems somewhat appeased. Caroline tells of how her family is opposed to her current government and how her family is persecuted for this fact. This part is true.

The attackers came to Caroline's home, she explains, where they first beat her brother, undressed her and her sister, and then raped her and beat her sister. Caroline had to have an abortion and was later arrested and tortured. She gives every explicit and horrific detail to Novick as if her life depends on it because it does.

Caroline is granted asylum and saved from further persecution or even death if she returned. In the end, Caroline escapes a life of poverty in New York City as an illegal immigrant and moves to the Midwest where, "She is married to a white American man. She owns a car, and goes to church every Sunday. In her new life, she pays her taxes and has never taken a dime from the government. To many, she is a model American."

For Caroline there is a happy ending, but her actions have further implications about the nature of the immigration system and morality because Caroline was never raped. She fabricated almost the entire story she told to Novick. "She felt that she had to augment the story with a rape because the immigration system can better comprehend such a story."

So Caroline constructed a rape narrative in order to game the system, and it worked to perfection. She not only made up the story, but she lived it. Caroline attended psychotherapy sessions for survivors of torture and saw a psychiatrist who prescribed her antidepressants for symptoms that people with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder have. Caroline did all of this because she wanted so badly to stay in the U.S. and dreaded and feared what would happen to her life if she went home. Caroline really is from a central African country and she and her family really were assaulted because of her father's political affiliation. Should she have to act out a lie in order to be granted asylum?

Caroline hoodwinked the immigration system, but is what she did morally wrong?

Caroline did all of this because she wanted so badly to stay in the U.S. and dreaded and feared what would happen to her if she went home.

Caroline hoodwinked the immigration system, but is what she did morally wrong? To answer the question of morality one must first look at the nature of the system because Caroline did not fool Novick, not really. In what appears to be one individual's blog entitled "The Last Psychiatrist", he or she explains how Novick didn't want the truth, but what The Last Psychiatrist (TLP) calls "internal validity." What Novick really wanted was a horror story that gave the likely semblance of the truth, because the system wants someone like Caroline to be granted asylum. Caroline is a good citizen, by all conceivable standards, because she is going to pay her taxes, unlike, as TLP states, "the person who doesn't bother to try to get legal." If Novick or any immigration officer has to make the sole decision of whether or not to deport someone like Caroline, someone who will be raped or killed if they do go back home, then we are putting a life in the hands of one immigration officer who has incredible power, and Caroline has to hope, pray, that this person is nice.

There are many people just like Caroline who not only embellish their stories but are actually coached by people who know how the system works and make up these stories for them. This may sound crazy or unbelievable to, but these fictitious stories are not a corruption of the system but the "intended system," according to TLP.

TLP contrasts Caroline's story to one in which she was

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email. Something like, "My name is Ali Muhammed. I'm a Nigerian prince and I want to give you seven trillion dollars and join my fraternity of princes and have sex in my 97 harems which each have 56 virgins." That's like, a lot of virgins. If I could put an amountage to how much I would enjoy that, I would say 7 enjoys.

The evidence is overwhelming; my struggle of living under the shadow of my friend is a near-unendurable experience. It's like permanently having the power of invisibility and not being able to use any of the cool stuff that comes with invisibility, like taking two to-go boxes instead of one. I just wanted to share my pain, the travesty of being looked over for not being different, for fitting into the crowd with my slightly above-average-length nose and thick brow line. It's hard you know, and statistically you do know, when you walk into a room and everyone looks like you and you don't feel singled out. It's hard when I have to work into conversation that my ethnicity is German and Swedish because people don't immediately ask me. I want to be different. I want to be special. I want to be out of the shadow. Of a shadow.

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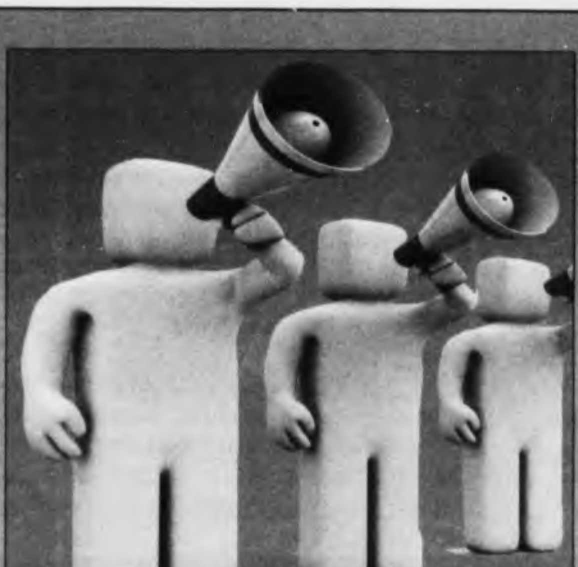
seeks asylum in Greece. In Greece, Novick would not be Novick because the grift works from the bottom up there. Does Greece really want this "black" immigrant? No, but in the U.S. Caroline is highly motivated and Greek Novick can be persuaded, in the form of bribery. This may work in Greece, but Caroline does not try to pay off Novick , which is considerably easier than constructing a whole identity and narrative because here the grift works from the top down and "lacks a human face."

The immigration system or moral issue is not one of morality at all, as TLP describes because the system is amoral. It is as TLP says based on "economic" and "evolutionary" considerations.

"The system wants Caroline, the system, wants there to be a way for 'intelligent' and 'hard working' and 'church going' resourceful people to game the system. All of those words mean 'taxpayers.'" Basically, as long as there is money in the system it continues to demand these narratives and does not rely on bribery, a much greater corruption. In other words the human corruption is of a lesser kind that has evolved, "through the push-pull of individual wants and needs in diverse and seemingly unrelated areas." Is TLP right about the system? I tend to think so and it makes one wonder, is the system wrong or just the lesser of two evils?

Nobody's perfect....correction box!

In last week's article, "Is bankrupt Solyndra a warning?" there was a mistake. The line "What makes this story even more outrageous is that Solyndra had received 35 million in public, tax-payer funded loans from the Department of Energy" should be "What makes this story even more outrageous is that Solyndra had received 535 million in public, tax-payer funded loans from the Department of Energy."



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Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 26 – Sick Employee – In the Life Sports Center, office areas, there was a report of a sick employee. The individual refused further treatment from campus personnel. Another person transported the individual to the hospital.

Sept. 26 – Suspicious Vehicle – At 2252 Chew St., there was a report of a suspicious vehicle. The passenger door was found hanging open and no one was around the vehicle. A Campus Safety officer located and identified the owner. Nothing appeared to be taken from the vehicle. There was no further incident.

Sept. 26 – Suspicious Activity – On the front drive, there was a report of a suspicious vehicle driving the wrong way. Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded and identified the individual. There was no further incident.

Sept. 26 – Fire/Safety Violation – At 2251 Liberty St., there was a report of a Fire Safety Violation. A smoke detector was found covered with plastic and another smoke detector was found unplugged. A Fire Safety Violation fine will be sent to the residents.

Sept. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, no cause could be found that would have set off the detector. Plant Operations personnel responded to check the detector. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to the detector being replaced. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 27 – Attempted Theft – At 2201 Chew St. there was a report of items found strewn about the vehicle. Nothing was taken from the vehicle. The individual was advised to keep the vehicle locked at all times.

Sept. 27 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found bag. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 27 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found bookbag. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Sept. 27 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost watch.

Sept. 27 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2315 Liberty St. (MILE House), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, it was noted that the boiler had just been serviced causing smoke. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 27 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 27 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 29 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a theft of a wallet. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 29 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. An underage student was found with an open beer. The student was identified and the alcohol was disposed of. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 30 – Animal Complaint (Non-Pet/Wild Animal) – In East Hall (G Block, first floor), there was a report of a dead bat found in the room. Plant Operations and Allentown Health Bureau responded. The Health Center was notified.

Sept. 30 – Larceny/Theft – On Chew St., there was a report of theft of a Yield to Pedestrian sign. There are no suspects at this time. The sign was replaced.

Sept. 30 – Suspicious Person – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a suspicious individual. Allentown Police Department responded and the individual was identified. A Campus Safety officer transported the individual to their residence. There was no further incident.

Sept. 30 – Injured Student – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 30 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, second floor. There was a report of an alcohol violation. Several empty and full cans and liquor bottles were found in the room. A Campus Safety officer identified the individuals and disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2143 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 1 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Oct. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 415 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 1 – Suspicious Activity – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a note left on a door. It is unknown who left the note. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 1 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of found student IDs. Messages were left with the owners to pick up the IDs at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 1 – Intoxicated Person – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS, Allentown Police Department, and Cetronia Ambulance responded. The Health Center was notified. Cetronia Ambulance transported the individual to the hospital. The individual, a non-student, was cited by Allentown Police Department for Underage Drinking and Public Drunkenness. Two non-students were issued letters of trespass.

Oct. 2 – Smoke/Burning Odor – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a cardboard box on fire. A Campus Safety officer extinguished the small fire. There are no suspects at this time. There was no further incident.

Oct. 2 – Driving Under the Influence – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a vehicle seen driving recklessly. Allentown Police Department responded and arrested a non-student for Driving Under the Influence.

Oct. 2 – Institutional Vandalism – In Martin Luther Hall, there was a report of vandalism. An unknown individual broke glass on a door. Plant Operations were notified to respond to repair the damage. There were no suspects at this time.

Oct. 2 – Suspicious Activity – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of suspicious activity. There was a report of damage to a vehicle. Upon arrival, no one was in the area and no vehicle damage was found.

Oct. 2 – Larceny/Theft – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of theft of glasses. Residential Services were notified. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 2 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Oct. 2 – Lost Property – In the Village lower parking lot, there was a report of a lost camera.

Oct. 2 – Hit and Run – In the Seegers Union loading dock, there was a report of a hit and run causing damage to the loading dock. The individual was later identified. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 2 – Found Property – In the football stadium, there was a report of a found iPod and flip-flops. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 2 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 321 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 2 – Lost Property – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Oct. 2 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found check. The owner was notified and picked up the check.

Oct. 2 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student refused further treatment or transport.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
☀	☀	☀
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
68 47	74 52	80 55

The Noshery Holiday Schedule

Fall 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 25 Regular Hours	Sept. 26 Regular Hours	Sept. 27 Regular Hours	Sept. 28 Close at 2 PM for Rosh Hashana	Sept. 29 Closed for Rosh Hashana	Sept. 30	Oct. 1 Closed
Oct. 2 Regular Hours	Oct. 3 Regular Hours	Oct. 4 Regular Hours	Oct. 5 Regular Hours	Oct. 6 Regular Hours	Oct. 7 Close at 1:30 PM for Yom Kippur	Oct. 8 Closed
Oct. 9 Closed for Fall Break	Oct. 10	Oct. 11 Regular Hours	Oct. 12 Close at 2 PM for Sukkot	Oct. 13 Closed for Sukkot	Oct. 14	Oct. 15 Closed
Oct. 16 Regular Hours	Oct. 17 Regular Hours	Oct. 18 Regular Hours	Oct. 19 Close at 2 PM for Shmeni Atseret	Oct. 20 Closed for Shmeni Atseret	Oct. 21	Oct. 22 Closed

Open regular hours for the remainder of the month.

PLEASE NOTE: **There will be a Sukkah available during the holiday of Sukkot. The Sukkah will be located on the terrace outside of the Wood Dining Commons.**

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Weekly Through the Ages

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Pennsylvania Supreme Court acquits ''Muhlenberg Five'' in LEPOCO case

by Josh Katz

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturned the convictions of the "Muhlenberg Five" in a decision released on July 14, 1981.

The five were all members of the Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern (LEPOCO). Nancy Tate, Jefferson Vitelli, W. Timothy Laidman, Michael Schlosser, and Barbara Andrews were arrested on March 27, 1976 in front of Seeger's Union while they were handing out pamphlets critical of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Clarence M. Kelley, at that time the Director of the FBI, was speaking in the Union on that day as part of a conference entitled "Citizen's Crusade Against Crime" which was sponsored by the Muhlenberg College Board of Associates. The LEPOCO members were charged with the summary offense of defiant trespass.

LEPOCO had applied to the College on March 26, 1976, for a permit to be on campus the following day in order to distribute their literature. The college denied their request, asking that they keep their demonstration off campus. It was determined later that there were no concrete guidelines concerning the procurement of such a permit.

The day of the symposium the demonstrators appeared at the entrance to Seeger's Union and began handing out their leaflets to passersby. The hand bills protested various actions of the FBI including the refusal to release, under the Freedom of Information Act, the entire file assembled regarding the activities of LEPOCO. Some of the information was released, but consequent requests were denied in a letter personally signed by Mr. Kelley.

Twice they began handing their leaflets to those entering and leaving the symposium. Each time, Allentown police officers, at the request of College officials, escorted them to the public property of the sidewalk on Chew Street. The police were present to provide security for Mr. Kelley, at that time a controversial figure.

They returned for a third attempt. According to the State Supreme Court decision, they "engaged in no disorderly conduct, carried no signs, used no loud or offensive language, and made no attempt to enter any of the college buildings. They blocked no building entrances and did not attempt to force their leaflets upon unwilling passersby. They received no complaints from any member of the public regarding their presence on campus."

Nonetheless, the protesters were informed by then Allentown Chief of Police Carson Gable that if they did not leave they would be arrested. They were told by College officials that they could pay the four dollar registration fee and become part of the symposium and that they could have their handbills placed inside where they would be available to participants of the conference. The demonstrators refused to cease their actions in front of the Union and were subsequently arrested and served with citations for defiant trespass.

On August 11, 1976, they were convicted at a magistrate's hearing and fined twenty-five dollars plus costs. They appealed to the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County where they were again found guilty of defiant trespass and this time fined fifty dollars plus costs. On appeal, the Superior Court affirmed the decision. The defendants based their case on the right of free speech guaranteed in the first amendment of the United States Constitution and maintained in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The College has always maintained that there is no official rela-

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Photo by Tiernan

"The College never requested that arrests be made, nor has the College ever pressed charges," stated John H. Morey, President of Muhlenberg.

Bedrock delays gym construction; College decides to use light explosives

by Cathi Bernecker

"Construction work for the swimming pool area of the new physical education center will be delayed two-three weeks because four-foot-deep limestone rock embedded in the deep area of the proposed pool was found Wednesday, September 16," Mr. Howard Forner of the treasurer's office told the *Weekly*.

Because of the depth and strength of this rock, the college was forced to choose between two alternatives: using hydro-electric machinery (jacks) similar to that used for macadam breaking on streets or light charger blasting.

The architect and civil engineer along with Muhlenberg College officials chose the latter alternative which will minimally disrupt college activity in the area. Forner said the jacks would cause too much noise.

There should be no damage to the existing foundations of Memorial Hall or the Student Health Center.

According to Forner, the blasting will not result in loud bangs, "but will be more like a poof." The drilling and dynamiting which was started on Monday, Sept. 29, is being performed by Berkleigh Excavating Inc., an area sub-contractor, and a privately licensed blaster, William Jacobs of Allentown.

Drilling for the holes to harbor the light charges began last Friday.

Unfortunately, there is no estimating how well the limestone will react to the dynamite work. Forner said the construction of pouring concrete for the pool and other construction activities for the pool should not be delayed for more than 2-3 weeks.

> ***. . . the blasting will not result in loud bangs, "but will be more like a poof."***

Continued construction in other areas of the site is going as scheduled with structural steel being rolled out of area Bethlehem Steel and will be placed starting Oct. 19.

The construction managers for the project are the Alvin H. Butz Contractors of Allentown. The swimming pool contractor is the Paddock Pool Co., the second largest pool construction firm in the country.

The Butz contractors are also currently constructing the new center for the arts theatre building at Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales, Center Valley.

Muhlenberg's new physical education complex is proposed to be completed by September 1982.

Photo by Kochka

Construction on new Life Sports Center continues despite minor setbacks.

Convocation Committee starts celluloid series; ''Reel War'' films deal with war and peace theme

by Michael Polkowski

The College Convocation Committee started a new film series, "Reel War," with the showing of Georges Franju's "Thomas the Imposter."

The film, based on a novel by Jean Cocteau, is the first in a selection of films dealing with the issues of war and peace. All screenings will be shown free of charge at 8 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall.

Dr. R. Dale LeCount, dean of educational services, said that Dr. Langdon Gilkey, Shailer Mathews Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, will be speaking at Muhlenberg on Nov. 4, and has been asked to focus on a war and peace theme.

LeCount said that hopefully Daniel Berrigan will speak on campus in the spring. This talk will "undoubtedly" focus on issues of war and peace. LeCount said Berrigan, recently convicted in the Plowshares Eight trail, agreed to appear if he is able to.

LeCount said that the Convocation budget has some funds remaining and that they are looking for a speaker of "major stature" to appear. He said that the committee is looking for suggestions and that any student is welcome to forward an idea. The next Convocation meeting is on Oct. 5 at 11:00, and is "open to anyone who wants to come."

The idea for the war and peace theme grew out of the committee's lecture series last April, entitled "Planetary World Order," LeCount said.

The committee enlisted the help of French Professor Dr. Carol Richards, he said, to develop the project. According to Assistant Professor of Communications, Dr. George Custen, he was approached by Richards last May with the idea for the project and chose the films to be shown. He said the perspective is "as broad as possible" and that he hopes the films make people "question what is a legitimate war and what counts as war, such as social class war."

A wide range of cinematic viewpoints will be represented by the 11 films, from Nazi propaganda to John Ford's "Cheyenne Autumn."

On Oct. 20 there is a double feature of Preston Sturges' "Hail the Conquering Hero" and "Hiroshima, Nagasaki," compiled by historian Erik Barnouw.

The first film is described in the brochure as a "barrage at patriotism and small town America" that is "pitched at the point of hysteria where the tickertape parade and the lynch mob meet."

The second film is composed of footage taken by Japanese cameramen that depicts the aftermath of the atom bomb droppings. The U.S. Army confiscated the films and they were not released until 25 years later.

Nov. 12 has a triple bill, starting with Ford's "Cheyenne Autumn." Described by Custen as dealing with a "war within," he said Ford spent a lot of career creating inaccurate ideas about the Indians, and with this film he tried to correct some of that stereotyping.

The film is followed by the 1977 Italian picture, "The Working Class Goes to Heaven," dealing with conflicts between social classes. The

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College guide features 'Berg

by Laurence Lerman

On September 21, Muhlenberg College was notified that it would appear in the newest edition of *Peterson's Guide to The Competitive Colleges*. Appearing in this publication is an honor that is bestowed on only 246 of the nation's colleges and universities.

The chief aspect that qualifies an institution to appear in this publication is that "it consistently has far more undergraduate applicants than it can accept." Muhlenberg certainly applies in this respect as the college received more than 1,820 applications for a freshman class of about 400.

Other features taken into account for a qualifying school are the school's faculty, extra-curricular facilities, academic standing, post-graduate work, and graduate employment statistics.

"Another reason," added Dean Harold Stenger, "is that we're a Phi Beta Kappa school. There are only 228 national PBK schools, which is less than 10% of the schools in the country."

Interestingly, Muhlenberg is among the 25% of church-related schools to be included in this specific volume. This works out to 61.5 schools out of the 246 appearing in *Peterson's*.

The Peterson's Guides are nationally acclaimed as excellent directories to institutions of higher learning. All schools that appear in a Peterson publication are reviewed every five years to make sure they still fit the Peterson criteria.

WEEKLY Life!

"Life is the art of drawing without an eraser."
- John W. Gardener

Blackout Party, BSA style

By Zaraya Wade
Life Writer

This past weekend, Muhlenberg's very own BSA threw a party like no other.

Pooling resources from different members of the community, there were dim lights, food, and one amazing DJ all the way from Brooklyn, New York. This annual party was filled with laughter and experiences that will last for a lifetime.

> *"It displayed ideas of what Muhlenberg is striving to be about: family, diversity, and inclusiveness."*

The Black Student Association.

Photo Courtesy Of www.Muhlenberg.edu

DJ Slimm played hip - hop, pop, reggae, raggaetone, and everything in between. An amazing variety of people turned out for this BSA event. The Blackout Party was an interesting mix of different class years and different personalities. Students learned new dances that are not often seen at the college's parties. People were taught how to "do the dougie" and how to "jerk." Students danced to music that is often heard at cultural family gatherings. It was like New York's Labor Day parade all over again, Black Student Association style.

The Black Student Association also supported a pair of school organizations. Mint performed one of their newest dances and had everyone hooting' and hollering.' And the Soul Sound Steppers? Let's just say, this group definitely stepped out. The BSA also supported several upcoming urban artists.

DJ Slimm brought remnants of home to the Berg for many students. It reminded many other students of vacations with family in the Islands. It displayed ideas of what the college is striving to be about: family, diversity, inclusiveness. A few Cedar Crest students made an appearance as well. Sodexo workers came and danced. There were even professors excited to see what the Blackout Party was all about.

The BSA definitely did their thing this weekend. The Blackout Party was thrown right: BSA style.

A coffee shop with pizazz

By Avni Mittal
Life Writer

"Unique", "eclectic", and "welcoming" are the three words I would use to describe Hava Java's.

Whenever I think of a coffee shop, I think about a small, artsy atmosphere where I can go and enjoy a nice cup of coffee and escape the madness of my studies. But Hava Java's is more then just a nice place to escape.

Hava Java has some of the best coffee in town.

Photo Courtesy of Flickr.com

When you enter the coffee shop you enter into a different atmosphere. You forget where you are for a moment due to the coffee cups hanging from the ceiling, the variety of board games, and books on the side shelf. The first time I went there, I instantly fell in love with the coffee. The owner really works hard to provide the best and moat delicious organic coffee along with cookies, fresh baked goods, and even vegan cookies. I also love talking to the workers there because they are so friendly. I always strike up a conversation with the cashier about a variety of topics. Many times when you go there the owner will be there, and she loves to chat with everyone who comes in. She even bakes a lot of the goods they serve there!

They have even added a new unique feature as well: local artists display their work in the coffee shop and every Tuesday they have poetry night starting at 7:00 p.m. where you can bring poetry or any kind of creative writing and get it read by someone or read it out loud. It's such a comforting atmosphere that I am sure that anyone who goes will be daring enough to read what they have written.

So if you are looking for a place to escape, a delicious cup of coffee, or a welcoming atmosphere off campus, Hava Java's is a gem you should go to. They love Muhlenberg students, so don't forget to show your ID when you go to get a discount!

Hava Java's is located right across from the Civic Theater at 526 North 19th Street, Allentown, PA, 18104-5068.

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OH, JANE -- I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW SORRY I AM ABOUT ALL THIS!
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Don't be like Jane. Submit!
Submission deadline is October 31^{st}!
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Next Week On Campus

Wednesday, October 12

1) Block by Block: The Merchants of Old Allentown Photography from 9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Center for the Arts Galleria

2) Sukkah Decorating and Pizza from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hillel

3) Colleges Against Cancer from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Great Room in Seegers Union

4) Volleyball game from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Field House

5) Field Hockey game from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Scotty Wood Stadium

Thursday, October 13

1) Block by Block: The Merchants of Old Allentown Photography from 9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Center for the Arts Galleria

2) The Making of Modern Turkey - Learning Abroad Info Session from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at Ettinger 308

3) New Myths from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday, October 14

1) Block by Block: The Merchants of Old Allentown Photography from 9:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Center for the Arts Galleria

2) Andy in the Valley: Warhol Polaroids and Black-and-White Photographs from Three Collections from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Lehigh University Galleries

Saturday, October 15

1) Field Hockey from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Scotty Wood Stadium

2) Women's Soccer from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Varsity Field

3) Men's Soccer from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Varsity Field

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The Panda Girl

I would like to start off this week's article by publicly thanking Dean Green for her glowing compliment to last week's advice. Dean Green sent AskPandaGirl@gmail.com a letter saying "your advice was appropriate and in line with the job RAs attempt to do daily in assisting roommates with issues."

Thank you very much Dean Green, I'll continue to do my best to help the Muhlenberg community.

Perhaps you were all supremely busy this week, or supremely content, but I did not receive any letters!

I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about who I am, and why I started this advice column. I'll start by explaining my name.

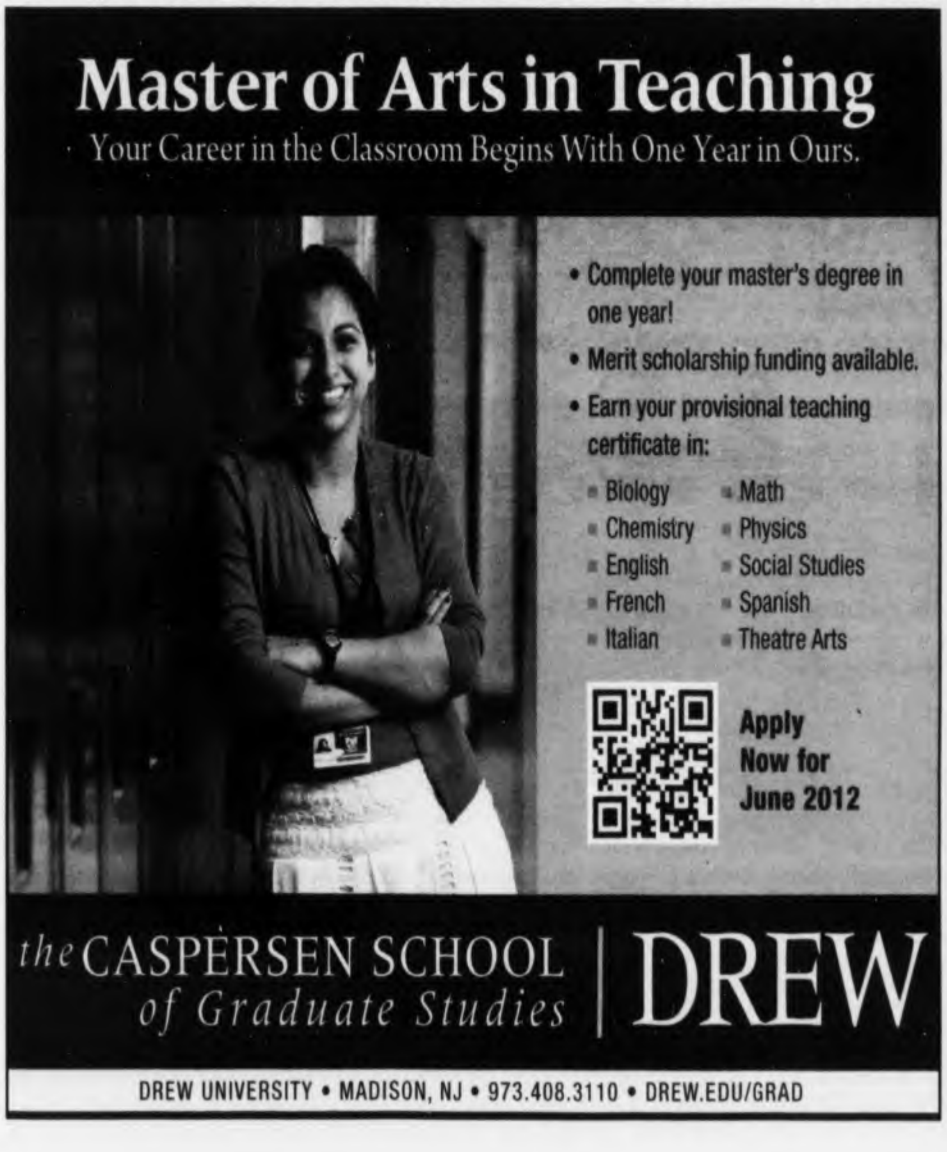
I am known as the Panda Girl for various reasons. The main reason is my iconic hat. During the winter you can see me with my woolen panda hat. I bought it in Union Square, and it was handmade fair-trade in Nepal. It is quite fuzzy and comfy. The workers at the Dining Hall got to recognizing me because of the hat, so I started to sign my napkin-notes as "The Panda Girl" and my nickname was born.

But why a panda? It is not just by chance. I love pandas dearly, not just because they are endangered and cute.

Years ago I attended the recently cut from the state government budget Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Arts. During my time there, we did an exercise where, long story short, I pretended to be a panda. My panda self waddled around bugging other people and generally causing mischief. At the end of the six weeks of artistic euphoria, all of us had individual meetings with the teachers to discuss our progress and things they had observed about our technique and style. There they told me that they had never seen me have more energy, be more confident, or make clearer choices than when I was that panda. "So before you ever go on stage, or whenever you're nervous or have low self esteem, I want you to remember that panda. Think to yourself 'I am a panda', and you'll go far." Those words have stuck with me all these years. It is an association thought. Pandas mean strength to me. I think panda and I am filled with that feeling of energy and self confidence. I embrace my inner panda.

I want to share this feeling with the world. I struggle with various issues, have had my shares of ups and downs, and been given a lot of tools in my metaphorical toolbox to work through this messy thing we call life. Unlike my fur, the world isn't split into black and white. There is a rainbow's range of things to experience in this world. I don't want to hold these tools close to my heart, but to show everyone what it's like to walk around knowing the feeling of being a panda. I want everyone to know the way of the panda.

Send your letters to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or via campus mail to box 2072.



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Men's soccer back on track

By Eric Margulies
Sports Writer

Men's Soccer is back to their winning ways after having a losing streak of two games. They suffered tough loses to Johns Hopkins and Swarthmore on the road, but bounced back against Haverford at home. Hopkins and Swarthmore are worthy opponents as they have combined for the last five Centennial Conference championships.

These losses fueled the Mules and, as a result of motivated play, they shutout Haverford 2-0, snapping their losing streak. The Mules scored one goal early and one goal late, and played great defense to maintain the lead. Muhlenberg is now 6-2 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

Muhlenberg dominated the entire game and started off hot even though they were stuck waiting for the Fords' bus. The Haverford game was delayed for about a half hour because the other team's bus broke down en route to Muhlenberg. Once the game began, Muhlenberg started strong and within seconds, the Mules were up one. Senior Midfielder Steve Giannacio crossed the ball perfectly and Senior Midfielder Josh Luginbuhl managed to break free and head it in.

Muhlenberg continued to find breakdowns in Haverford's defense and kept the ball of their side of the field. They pressured Haverford with four shots on goal in the first 10 minutes and two more in the next 16 minutes.

The second half was a little messy as the rain picked up. The change in weather brought new challenges for the players, and with this came less of a focus on offense and more attention was directed towards defense.

Haverford could not manage to put any pressure on Junior Goalie Ari Nutovits, who posted his fifth shutout of the season while only having to save three shots.

In the 67th minute, the Fords were making a push towards the goal, but Freshman Defenseman Bryan Attanasio was able to halt the offence by slide-tackling the ball away.

To seal the game in the final minutes, Junior Forward Danny Way shot the ball into the back of the net, scoring his fourth goal of the season. Way was able to split the defense through the middle of the field and one-hop a shot up the wet field.

Men's Soccer hopes to be this effective every time they step on the field. The pressure the Mules placed on Haverford from the beginning of the game to the end exemplifies the intensity needed to be a contender in the conference. Hopefully the team's winning streak will be extended in the coming weeks.

Junior Goalie Ari Nutovits saves a ball in the last two minutes, sending the Mules to overtime.

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football
(3-2, 3-1 CC)
101/1 vs. Susquehanna W 30-14

Men's Soccer
(6-2, 2-2 CC)
9/28 @ Swarthmore L 2-1 (2ot)
10/1 vs. Haverford W 2-0

Women's Soccer
(4--5-1, 1-2-1 CC)
10/1 vs. Dickinson L 1-0

Field Hockey
(3-6, 1-3 CC)
9/27 vs. Widener W 3-1
9/30 @ Dickinson W 4-3

Volleyball
(4-12, 2-2 CC)
9/28 vs. Haverford L 3-2
10/1 vs. Dickinson W 3-1
vs. Mount St. Mary N.Y. L 3-1

Freshmen lead Field Hockey to first CC win

Courtesy of
Muhlenberg Athletics

The freshman for the Muhlenberg field hockey team said she is more of a defensive-minded player and would be more likely to block a shot than put it in the cage.

But luckily for the Mules, she found her inner sharpshooter and also kept that defensive mindset against Dickinson. Porrini scored twice and recorded a key defensive save late to help Muhlenberg pick up its first Centennial Conference win of the season, 4-3 over the Red Devils.

"This feels so great," said Porrini, who scored four goals during her entire senior season in high school. "I was so excited when the first one went in, and then when the second one went in I couldn't really believe it."

Dickinson controlled play out of the gate and struck first 21 minutes in. But that goal appeared to awaken the Mules.

After earning a penalty corner in the 27th minute, they worked the ball around to Porrini. She fired a shot right at the Red Devil keeper, who saved it right back to her. She struck the rebound into the right side of the cage to even the score.

A little more than three minutes later, Muhlenberg (3-6, 1-3) earned another a penalty corner and called up almost the exact same play.

The insertion went to freshman Kayleigh Thies at the top of the circle. She faked a shot to draw the defense to the middle and then passed off to Porrini, who was waiting on the wing. She buried the pass into the bottom of the cage to make it 2-1, but the Mules were not finished.

With the first-half clock winding down, Muhlenberg's defense turned away a Dickinson run and pushed the ball up the field. Sophomore Erin Cummings fired off a pass from outside the circle on the right side, drawing the Red Devil keeper out of the cage. The ball rolled right to Thies, who was alone in front. She one-timed the shot into the open cage to make it 3-1 with just two seconds left in the half.

The goal was Thies' team-high fifth of the season. Eight of the Mules' 12 goals this season have been scored by freshmen.

"We've been playing so much with the upperclassmen that I don't even feel like a freshman anymore," Porrini said. "I think we're fitting in and working really well together. I feel like our confidence keeps growing every game, and that's what happened tonight."

The Mules added to their lead five minutes into the second half when they took advantage of another penalty corner.

Junior Devon Barber delivered the insertion to Porrini, who touched a pass off to Thies. She ripped a shot toward the left post, and Barber redirected it into the cage to make it 4-1.

But the Red Devils (3-6, 0-4) wasted little time getting back into the game. They scored less than two minutes later and added a third goal pull within one. Then they appeared poised to tie the game on a penalty corner with less than 12 minutes to play.

Porrini blocked Dickinson's first shot off the insertion and went down after a taking a stick to the leg. With the ball still alive, junior Kristen Dornenburg charged out of the cage to try to clear the ball.

She made the save, but the ball deflected to a Red Devil on the left side, who took a shot. Porrini, who had gotten up, ran toward the front of the cage and made a lunging defensive save to preserve the lead.

Muhlenberg only allowed one shot the rest of the way and held on for its second straight win.

But this win felt even more satisfying, Porrini said, because it came against a CC foe. The Mules have already surpassed their win total from last year, and with eight games remaining, the freshman said she is looking to add quite a few more before the season is done.

"We really wanted a conference win," Porrini said. "We were throwing it all out there trying to score no matter what. When they scored first, we felt like we could come back and knew we had to keep fighting.

"This was a really good win and feels great. If we keep working hard and play the way we did tonight, I think we can keep on winning."

One night in September

By Jeremy Fuchs
Sports Writer

With the NFL starting up, baseball has been relegated to the back-burner. September baseball isn't exactly thrilling. Most teams are out of it; if we're lucky, a few teams will be fighting for their playoff lives.

This year we were lucky. While most playoff berths were decided, a few were not. The American League Wild Card was being battled out between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Boston Red Sox. The National League Wild Card was getting duked out between the St. Louis Cardinals and Atlanta Braves.

For a little context let's back up to late August. While not clinched, the Braves and Red Sox had their respective wild cards locked up. The Rays and Cardinals were both far back. The Braves led by 8 and a half games on September 6th. The Red Sox led the Rays by nine games on September 3. It was all but over.

But in baseball, as in life, things aren't over until the fat lady sings. So the Rays and Cardinals roared back. On baseball's last day, Boston and Tampa were tied; St. Louis and Atlanta were tied.

If both teams won there would be a one game playoff to determine the winner. If one team won and the other lost, the winning team would advance to the playoffs. High drama.

The Cardinals easily beat the Astros, and then eagerly awaited the results of the Braves Phillies game. The Rays were playing the Yankees and the Red Sox were playing the Orioles.

The Yankees jumped out to a 7-0 lead, and the Red Sox held a 3-2 lead over Baltimore. It looked as if the Red Sox were going to make the playoffs once again.

But then a funny thing happened. While the Red Sox were in a rain delay, the Rays started a comeback. Suddenly, it was 7-6 in the ninth inning. Instead of bringing in all-world closer Mariano Rivera, the Yankees settled on Cory Wade. The Yankees had clinched home field advantage throughout the playoffs; they didn't care about this game.

With two outs, and two strikes on light-hitting Dan Johnson, the game seemed over. The Rays would have to hope for an Oriole comeback, but fate was taken out of their hands.

And then, as if it were scripted, Dan Johnson did the unthinkable. The pitch came in, and the little ball of rawhide jumped off the wooden bat, screaming down the line, trying to stay fair, tumbling, rolling as it made its way through the air, with hope written across its red stitching, bounced off the yellow foul pole. A home run. Hope had come through. Dan Johnson had come through. And although the game was still tied, it felt over.

The Braves and Phillies were in extra innings, seemingly at a stalemate, after the Braves gave up the tying run in the ninth. And just as their season was slipping away, Hunter Pence hit a little dribbler that made it through, slipping through the infield, scoring a run, ending the Braves's season for good. One collapse was complete.

The Red Sox came out of their rain delay and looked on their way to a win. Two quick outs. Then, back-to-back doubles tied the score.

The Rays and Yankees played until the 12th inning, trading outs. A stalemate--until Evan Longoria came up.

With a runner on second, Red Sox closer Jonathan Pabelbon stared in at Robert Andino. The game could have gone to extra innings, where anything is possible. Instead, Andino hit a looper towards left field, diving hopelessly in front of all-star leftfielder Carl Crawford, who reached out, the ball landing right in front of his outstretched glove, like the Red Sox landing just in front of their outstretched playoff goals. Nolan Reimold roared home. Game over.

The collapse wasn't complete but it was hanging by a thread. If the Rays were to win, the Red Sox would be out.

The Red Sox were barely able to mope their way towards the dugout, when Scott Proctor served up a pitch to Longoria.

Once again it bounced off the bat, hooking ever so closely to that left field foul pole line, screaming towards victory, with all in Boston trying to push it foul, will it out of play, so they could live for one more moment, one more inning, one more game. But fate wasn't on their side. The ball stayed fair. The Rays won. A second collapse was complete.

It's not often in baseball you see collapses. The 1978 Red Sox team come to mind. The late 2000s Mets team come to mind. But collapses aren't commonplace. If we are to see one, it will just be one in a year.

But this wonderful September 28th, we saw two. We switched back and forth between three games, a nostalgic baseball past began unfolding in front of our eyes, a baseball without steroids and controversy, a baseball without ties in the All-Star games, a baseball without rich teams and poor teams. We witnessed a baseball played on playgrounds, in cornfields, with anything that resembles a ball, a bat and a glove. We witnessed a baseball that is pure, free from additives. An organic baseball, in three baseball parks, in three cities, on three channels.

Baseball might be losing luster amongst those who crave more speed, more contact. We live in a fast world, a world that doesn't have time for the methodical, plodding pace of baseball. We want to witness bone crunching hits, ankle breaking cross-overs, gravity defying dunks. We don't want to see a cat-and-mouse game between pitcher and batter. We don't want to warm up in the bullpen, we want a Red Bull to take us higher. We don't have time for baseball. We don't slow down for anything, let alone a sport.

But, for one night in September, slowing down was necessary. It's necessary to slow down every once in a while to take a break from what ails us. And these three games allowed us just that. With remote in hand and snacks by my side, I was able to forget about life for a few minutes and just enjoy baseball. If only this could happen more often.

But, for one night in September, it happened. And for now, it will do. Yeah, it will do.

Volleyball beats Dickinson while digging for a cure

Courtesy of
Muhlenberg Athletics

The Muhlenberg volleyball team will gladly take any win it can get, but if they had their choice, normally the Mules would prefer to win in three sets.

Saturday's match against Dickinson, however, may have been the exception. After claiming the first two sets with relative ease, the Mules dropped the third before finishing off the Red Devils in set four 25-20.

The reason the Mules did not quite mind going to a fourth set was because it gave them a chance to add to their dig total on "Digging for a Cure" day. The team collected donations and pledges for every dig it recorded against the Red Devils, so the extra set gave the Mules an opportunity to raise more money for Tanner's Touch, a non-profit organization out of Westminster, MD, that raises awareness and funds to support pediatric cancer research.

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The Muhlenberg Volleyball team right before the matches!

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

The Mules scored the first four points of the match, two on back-to-back blocks by the duo of Senior Jackie Price and Freshman Holly Hynson, and jumped out to a quick 11-6 lead in the first set. Dickinson pulled to within three, but the Mules scored nine of the final 11 points and finished the set out on an emphatic kill by Hynson for a 25-15 win.

The second set was much tighter in the early stages, and with the Mules holding a 14-13 lead, they called timeout. Whatever was said in the huddle must have worked because Muhlenberg scored 11 of the next 14 points for the win.

Hynson and Freshman Lindsey Gambocurta got the Mules started with back-to-back kills. Then classmate Nikki Dickson added a pair of aces before senior Brooke McQueen and sophomore Laurainne Ojo-Ohikuare registered kills to close out the 25-16 victory.

With the third set tied at 11, the Red Devils grabbed the momentum and held on for a 25-20 win to force another set.

The fourth started out tight with two teams tied at 10. Muhlenberg created some separation, thanks to four kills from Price and a pair of blocks from the duo of Price and Gambocurta, to pull in front 23-17.

Dickinson would not go away and scored three straight points to pull to within three. But Price came through with a kill that stopped the momentum, and Muhlenberg won the game on the next point.

McQueen led the way with 11 kills, while Price and Hynson added nine apiece. Price also finished with five blocks. Freshman Alyssa Schell paced the defense with 16 digs for Tanner's Touch, and Dickson added 13 digs with 14 assists and three aces.

Muhlenberg dropped its second match of the day, 3-1, to Mount St. Mary. Price registered 11 kills and a season-high six blocks, while Sophomore Morgan Duggan added 14 assists, 16 digs and 2 aces against the Knights.

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Berg Football bounces back

By Eric Dolber
Sports Writer

During Homecoming Weekend, the Mules had to overcome a slow start to pull off the improbable comeback and to come away with the victory against McDaniel College. This was not the case in this past Saturday's game against Susquehanna University.

The Mules jumped off to an early lead of 20-0 and eventually defeated the Crusaders 30-14. The Mules's record stands at 3-2 as they head off to their bye week. The Mules scored their first 20 points on three field goals by Senior Kicker Gregg Mercogliano and a pair of short runs by Junior Running Back Terrence Dandridge. Prior to Susquehanna scoring their first touchdown with three and change left in the first half, the Mules ran more plays (54 to 11) and controlled the ball longer (15:26 to 5:24) than the Crusaders. Senior Linebacker Mike Fiorillo was the Mules's biggest contributor on defense in the first half, as he led the defense with nine tackles and his first two interceptions of his career.

To start the game, Senior Cornerback Chase Nadell returned the kickoff 48 yards to the Crusaders's 43. The Mules only needed nine plays to score their first touchdown of the game. Dandridge scored on a third down at the Crusaders's one-yard line, which was his fourth of the season. After Fiorillo's first interception, which did not lead to a score, the Mules got the ball back after a defensive three and out and embarked on an 18-play, 70-yard drive. Senior Fullback MJ Rus scored on a fourth and one plunge.

Mercogliano added two 26-yard field goals. The first field goal was created by an interception by Senior Safety Kevin Ryan and the second was the 32-yard catch by Junior Wide Receiver Marcus Toomey. After another Toomey reception this one by 30 yards, Dandridge scored once again with 1:19 in the first half.

The Crusaders tried to fight back as they did in their previous three victories. They tried to cut the deficit by scoring on a two-yard touchdown run; however, the Mules's defense stopped them from doing so. Mercogliano added another kick and the Crusaders failed to score on their closing drive.

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Senior Fullback MJ Rus rushing through Susquehanna defenders, making the first rush touchdown of his career.

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The game balls go to Junior Wide Receiver Marcus Toomey, who caught five balls for 121 yards, and Junior Running Back Terrence Dandridge, who rushed for 78 yards on 26 carries. After the bye week the Mules travel to Gettysburg. Happy Fall Break!

UPCOMING GAMES

Football
(3-2, 3-1 CC)
Sat. 10/15 @ Gettysburg 1:00

Men's Soccer
(6-2, 2-2 CC)
Sun. 10/9 @ Washington College 1:00
Wed. 10/12 @ Drew 7:00
Sat. 10/15 vs. Franklin & Marshall 7:00
Wed. 10/19 @ Montclair State 3:30

Field Hockey
(3-6, 1-3 CC)
Fri. 10/7 @ Washington College 3:00
Wed. 10/12 vs. Kings 7:30
Sat. 10/15 vs. Franklin & Marshall 1:00
Wed. 10/19 @ Swarthmore 4:30

Women's Soccer
(4--5-1, 1-2-1 CC)
Fri. 10/7 @ Washington College 5:00
Wed. 10/12 @ Bryn Mawr 4:00
Sat. 10/15 vs. Franklin & Marshall 4:00
Wed. 10/19 @ Swarthmore 7:30

Volleyball
(4-12, 2-2 CC)
Fri. 10/7 @ Washington College 5:00
Sat. 10/15 @ Lebanon Valley 10:00
vs. Stevenson 12:00
Wed. 10/19 @ Swarthmore 7:00

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Muhlenberg welcomes Jeffrey K. Olick and Philip Gourevitch:

An examination of memory in the context of genocide

By Jennifer freed
News Editor

What is collective memory? Coined by the philosopher and sociologist Maurice Halbwachs, the phrase "collective memory" refers to the separation of a notion from an individual memory. On Wed., Oct. 19th at 7:00 pm, Jeffrey Olick and Philip Gourevitch balanced two separate identities to complete yet another remarkable program co-sponsored and supported by the Departments of Political Science, Sociology, and Media & Communication, and the Multicultural Center.

This event examined collective memory, particularly in the context of genocide. Combining the expertise of two influential men, Olick and Gourevitch, the department aimed to show its students the workings of a social and scientific phenomenon, lurking in the thickets of our society.

Olick is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Virginia. He spent eleven years on the faculty of Columbia University in New York City. Although he has worked in myriad areas - including sociological theory, mass media/popular culture, and political sociology - he has focused his work at the intersection of cultural and historical sociology. Olick is editor of *The Collective Memory Reader* and author of *Guilt and Defence: On the Legacies of National Socialism in Postwar Germany* as well as *The Politics of Regret: On Collective Memory and Historical Responsibility*.

Jeffrey K. Olick poses at Greenwich University.
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Philip Gourevitch listening intently to a question.
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Philip Gourevitch is the former editor of the Paris Review, a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, and author of the award-winning *We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed with Our Families*, a disturbing book examining the sociology of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Gourevitch has also written on a variety of subjects — from ethnic conflicts in Africa, Europe, and Asia, to political corruption in Rhode Island. He has even concentrated on the music of the famous funk musician, James Brown.

> *"Combining the expertise of two influential men, Olick and Gourevitch, the department aimed to show its students the workings of a social and scientific phenomenon, lurking in the thickets of our society."*

On Wed. night both men were engaging and were readily listening for questions ranging from all departments.

These two topics, collective memory and national trauma merged to captivate the students for yet another successful event hosted as part of the Center for Ethics series, which is held in Miller Forum.

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What is there to do in Allentown?

Every year we get to a certain point in the semester when it becomes necessary to venture out of the Muhlenbubble because we are stressed and need a break. Luckily for us, the college is located in Allentown, which has an immense amount of activities to offer us. Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. The Farmer's Market. It is a 10-minute walk down Chew Street. There are some really amazing places to eat and fruit and vegetables to buy.
2. The Civic Theater. It is located on 19th Street, which is also about a 10-minute walk from campus. There are awesome independent movies shown there.
3. Hava Java. It is also located on 19th Street across the street from the Civic Theater and is an independently owned coffee house with board games!
4. The Phoebe Home. This is an assisted living center down Chew Street, where students can volunteer. For more volunteer opportunities visit the Community Service Office.
5. The park. Down Ott Street there are two parks across the street from each other. Fresh air and exercise are always essential and it is good break from doing homework.
6. The pool. The pool is on campus in the Life Sports Center. It's a little hard to find, but just ask for directions!
7. Dorney Park. It might be a little pricey, but it's close and fun!
8. Crocodile Rock Cafe. This is a concert and banquet hall, which features bands, such as Taking Back Sunday.
9. Allentown Art Museum. Located in City Center, it has a Frank Lloyd Wright library.
10. Allentown Municipal Golf Course. Located on Tilghman Street, it has an 18-hole golf course.

We hope you enjoy venturing around!

There's just something about October...

By Ryan Lee
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

My family has been plagued with the "October Disease" for many years. It's a time of immense fear and trepidation. We all take great care and pay very close attention to what we are doing in October. We try to avoid dangerous situations as best we can. But sometimes, no matter how hard we may pray otherwise, the evil spirits intervene.

It all started with my grandma, and now it's beginning to affect my mom too. My grandma broke lots of bones in her life; she was a very active lady but was also pretty klutzy. Once, when she was playing volleyball, she stepped in a hole on the court and broke her ankle. That was in October. She also broke her collarbone, her leg, her arm, a few ribs, and her hand—all in October. Not the same October (G-d forbid!), but all in the month of October.

The affliction of "October Disease" is not as widespread in my mother's life as it was with her mom. Hers only pops up during the first weekend of October. In 2007, when she was at the beach, a monstrous wave came and knocked her over in the water, almost drowning her. As a result of the tremendous fear, it dislodged a small piece of plaque in her artery, causing 100 percent blockage. In other words, she had a heart attack. Then, in October of 2010, she fell down the hard, wooden stairs on her way to the bathroom in the middle of the night. The stairway and the bathroom were right next to each other—must have been a really smart architect—and she hit her coccyx (tailbone) on six stairs, one right after the other. She still maintains to this day that my grandma's spirit (yes, the same grandma who founded the "October Disease") stopped her from falling down the rest of the stairs. So yeah, October is a pretty scary month for my family.

Now I know that this sounds absurd. Many people are probably asking, "How do you know that October is causing all of this?" Well, I know it's not a causal relationship, but it certainly is a correlative relationship. By that I mean that October may not be causing all of this bad luck, but there certainly is a correlation between October and really sucky luck.

In my family Halloween was a joyous day for my grandma, but it wasn't for all the normal reasons. The dressing up, the scary stories, the costumes, and the candy were nice, but they weren't the best part for her. No; for her, Halloween was the best day of the year, because it meant that *October was over*! She'd get so excited about that. After Halloween, she could stop worrying. My only hope is that the "Disease" stops with my mom because I'm scared to death of what could happen to me, as I'm enough of a klutz as it is. I don't need any help with that, thank you very much!

Our future?

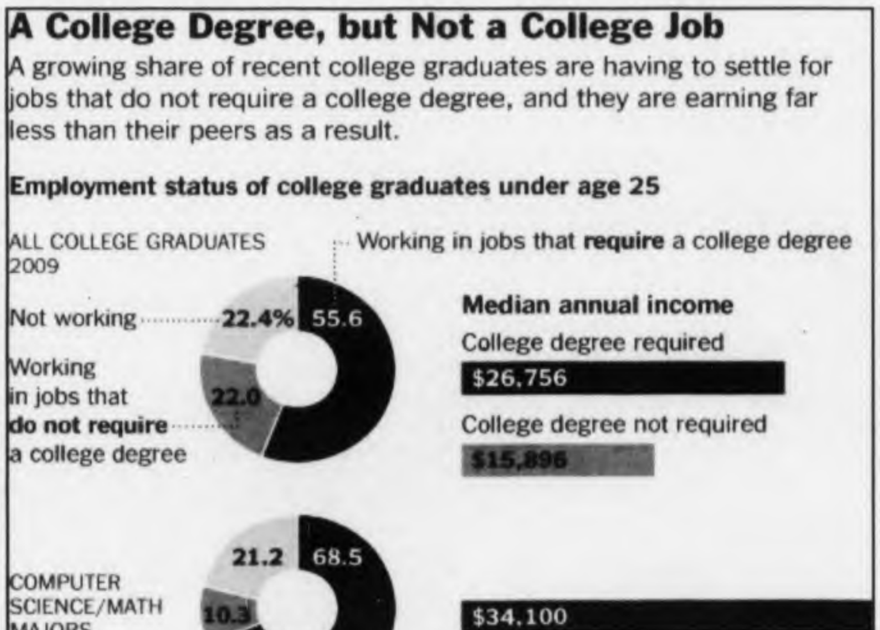
By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

Most people go to college for one of two reasons: to get a job or to go to graduate school. An important step in this process is choosing a major. Some people spend hours and hours trying to find their dream school, but that is only half the battle. They also need to decide what major will best train them for what they are setting out to accomplish. However, in recent years, there has been a decrease in the number of college graduates who have jobs and of those who have jobs in the area of their major.

Some might conclude from this that the major one chooses is unimportant,since the majority of college graduates will be undertaking jobs which will not utilize their college degrees. Catherine Rampell, a *New York Times* reporter, wrote the article "Many with New College Degree Find the Job Market Humbling" on May 18, 2011, which commented on the necessity of college and majors. In recent years, there has been an increase in people not utilizing their college degrees to get jobs. For example, Biology majors waiting tables and Spanish majors working at supermarkets. According to Rampell's article, "Employment rates for new college graduates have fallen sharply in the last two years, as have starting salaries for those who can find work. What's more, only half of the jobs landed by these new graduates even require a college degree, reviving debates about whether higher education is 'worth it' after all."

This is obviously not encouraging news to hear, as I am a sophomore in college and this article is pretty much saying that I am wasting my time and money because I am going to continue working at Wegmans after I graduate. While working at Wegmans I witnessed college graduates not being able to find jobs that require use of their college degrees. I saw every year handful of employees who just graduated college and were unable to find another job. I know one employee who spent over a year after graduating college working at Wegmans. I am by no means saying that working at Wegmans is a bad job. I love working there, but it does not require the college degree that I am trying to achieve. Knowing that my college degree might not lead me to some fantastic, exciting, and high-paying, job is upsetting because I am working and have been working my whole life, to get a great job after college.

Unfortunately, there is only so much I can do to ensure that I do get a job after graduation. Rampell offers some advice on this; "The choice of major is quite important. Certain majors had better luck finding a job that required a college degree, according to an analysis by Andrew M. Sum, an economist at Northeastern University, of 2009 Labor Department data for college graduates under 25. Young graduates who majored in education and teaching or engineering were most likely to find a job



Graphs of college graduates employment.

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You can't say that

By Evan Kasakove
Op/Ed Writer

"You don't call retarded people retards. It's bad taste. You call your friends retards when they are acting retarded." This quote from TV character Michael Scott, from the show *The Office,* pokes fun at the meaning of hurtful words and how society reacts to them. It basically says that the word itself not offensive, but who you say it to is what makes its offensive. Something about that does not seem right to me.

The larger issue to me is. When does a word become unacceptable? Is it okay to call your friends retards or gay if you are joking about it? What about calling an actually retarded person a retard?, Is it acceptable if it is just a joke?

Words seem to be judged by how people feel about then. It is wrong to call someone gay or make fun of minorities because people feel that there are certain stigmas involved that makes these words caustic and insensitive, but who gets to decide this line? Liberals? Rich white men?

My point is this: Since when did everyone become so caught up with, "Oh you can't say that word, that's offensive"? Note the self-righteous tone in this person's voice as they anoint themself defender of the feelings of the oppressed. Words should not be considered offensive or unspeakable based in whether you have a moral issue with then, but on whether or not what you are saying is actually hurtful to other people.

For example, if I make a joke about Iranians to an Iranian and they think the joke is funny, i.e. acceptable, then why is it your moral obligation to announce that we should all be more sensitive of Iranians? People have a tendency to believe and then announce that there are certain lines that can't be crossed, but where do these lines come from? They come from your personal experiences and what you think is right. There is no line ordained by the government or the supreme chancellor of appropriateness; what makes something hurtful is not the word but the context.

"You're gay." Oh God someone call the police because I think you just crossed the line. Now, before you dial, maybe you should find out the context. The idea is that if I say this in a vitriolic and hateful way, then it's obviously wrong, but what if it is used as a friendly joke from one gay person to another. Well, then it becomes a different story, of course. Why? Did the word suddenly change meaning? Does it have less of a stigma?

I am not proposing that we need to call people gay more often, and I personally choose not to use it because of how many young people are adversely affected by these words, vitriolic or not. But that does not mean we should not be able to joke around about gay people or any other controversial topic. When people see a joke and deem it offensive because it uses a controversial word or a supposedly untouchable topic and castigate others for talking about it, they begin to censor speech. Censoring speech leads to censoring thought and without thought…

The joke from *The Office* is not about making fun of retarded people - although jokes like that can be tasteful and funny - but about how society chooses to interpret jokes as being appropriate or politically correct. Jokes can appear to be inherently offensive, but are actually intelligent and ironic. Ever hear of a show called *South Park*?

Basically, when we try to decide in our lives what word is or is not offensive, maybe we should take a second to think about what the other person is really saying and not condemn the person because of what society has labeled "socially unacceptable." Is this person making an innocuous joke or just being mean? Because there is a difference, if not always a clear one.

When Michael Scott offends a recently outed homosexual in the office, he says to his most loyal coworker, Dwight, "There could be others. I need to know. I don't want to offend anybody else." To which Dwight replies, "You could assume everyone is, and not say anything offensive." "Yeah," Michael responds, " I'm sure everyone would appreciate me treating them like they were gay."

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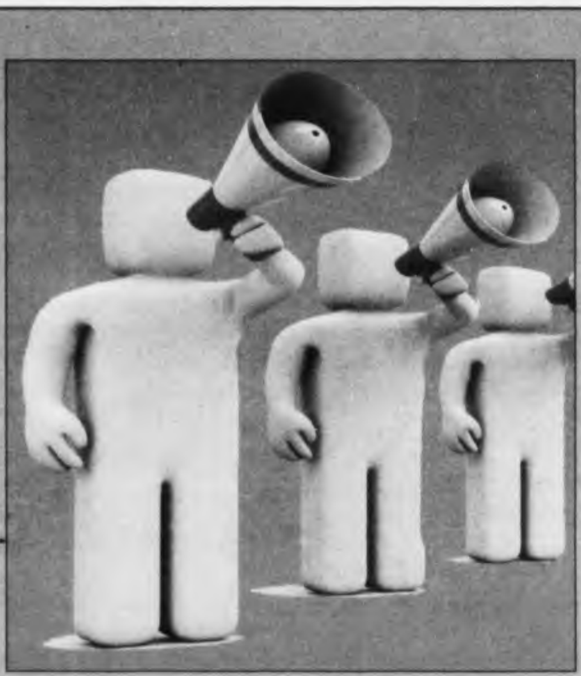
requiring a college degree, while area studies majors — those who majored in Latin American studies, for example — and humanities majors were least likely to do so. Among all recent education graduates, 71.1 percent were in jobs that required a college degree; of all area studies majors, the share was 44.7 percent."

Therefore, Rampell proves that choosing your major does, in fact, matter, which disproves my aforementioned claim that the major you choose is of minor importance. Unfortunately, this advice is hard to receive because it is impossible to know what the future will bring. All we can do is have the attitude that everything happens for a reason.



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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 3 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of excessive trash. The sink was clogged with food and there was trash on the floor. Housekeeping responded and cleaned the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of vandalism to the bathroom door. The top corner of the door was bent. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 3 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown when it was turned in or to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 3 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the Benfer Hall parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. Scratches were found on the left side of a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 3 – Injured Student – In the football stadium, there was a report of an injured student. The student refused further medical treatment or transport.

Oct. 3 – Larceny/Theft – In Trexler Library, there was a report of theft of credit cards. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In East Hall (Block E, basement), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, no cause could be found that would set off the alarm. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 4 – Institutional Vandalism – In Trexler Library, there was a report of vandalism. Spray painted graffiti was found on a wall. A work order was submitted to Plant Operations to clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 4 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In the Haas College Center, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to work being done in the area causing water to leak. The system was silenced and later reset with no further incident.

Oct. 4 – Attempted Theft – On Liberty St., there was an attempted theft of a bicycle. Allentown Police responded and the individual was identified. There was no further incident.

Oct. 4 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2216 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 4 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a golf cart hitting a pole light knocking the pole into a vehicle. An electrician responded to repair the pole. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and responded to the scene.

Oct. 4 – Simple Assault – Off campus, on Parkway Blvd., there was a report of an assault. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 4 – Larceny/Theft – In Trexler Library, there was a report of theft of a wallet. Allentown Police Department responded. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 4 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and picked up the item.

Oct. 4 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was another report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and picked up the item.

Oct. 5 – Suspicious Activity – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of unknown individuals ringing doorbells. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 5 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of two pairs of found eyeglasses. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The glasses were placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 5 – Disorderly Conduct – At 2267 Turner St. (building #4, second floor), there was a report of disorderly conduct. Residential Services were notified.

Oct. 5 – Hit and Run – On Chew St., there was a report of a hit and run. A vehicle struck a parked truck causing damage to the front driver's side of the vehicle. Allentown Police Department responded. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 6 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card, headphones, flash drives, wallet, and bookbag. All items were returned to the owners.

Oct. 6 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In East Hall (E Block, basement), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to an excessively dirty smoke detector. Plant Operations responded and replaced the detector. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 6 – Motor Vehicle Accident – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. The individuals exchanged information. There was no further incident.

Oct. 7 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire safety violation. A smoke detector was covered. A fire safety violation fine will be sent to the residents.

Oct. 7 – Disorderly Conduct – At 2241 Liberty St., there was a report of disorderly conduct. Residents removed a room door. The residents were identified and spoken to. The door was put back on.

Oct. 7 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several empty bottles of liquor were found and were disposed of by a Campus Safety officer. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 7 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of found money. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The money was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 10 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Residents were identified an will be issued a sweep ticket for loud noise from the City of Allentown and a Disruptive Conduct report that will be issued by Muhlenberg College. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 11 – Larceny/Theft – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found stop sign found in the hallway. Plant Operations were notified and retrieved the sign and will place it back at the Martin Luther fire lane from where it was taken. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 11 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Village lower parking lot, there was a report of a vehicle hitting a light post. The individual was identified and spoken to. Plant Operations were notified to repair the post.

Oct. 11 – Sick Student – At Hillel/Sociology/Anthropology building, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Health Services were notified and spoke with the student. There was no further incident.

Oct. 12 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 12 – Found Property – On Chew St., there was a report of a found scooter. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner later claimed the item.

Oct. 12 – Found Property – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of a found notebook. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 12 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found key. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The key was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 13 – Flames/Smoke Visible – On Chew St., there was a report of a fire in a non-College owned property attached to College owned property. Allentown Fire Department and Allentown Police Department responded. There was no damage found to the College owned property.

Oct. 13 – Found Property – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a found wallet. The owner later claimed the item.

Oct. 13 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Off campus, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident causing damage to the right side of a College owned vehicle. South Whitehall Police Department responded to the scene and took a report.

Oct. 14 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department, Allentown EMS, and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 14 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card. The student was notified and later picked up the item.

Oct. 14 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Oct. 14 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found charge cord. It is unknown to whom it belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 14 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Chew St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. The individuals were identified. Allentown Police Department responded and took a report.

Oct. 14 – Found Property – In Walson Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found driver's license. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Oct. 14 – Point of Information – In Moyer Hall, there was information concerning a student's behavior. The Health Center was notified.

Oct. 14 – Found Property – In the commuter parking lot, there was a report of a found ring. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The ring was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 15 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found camera. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The camera was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 15 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found necklace. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 15 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – In Martin Luther Hall, there was a report of criminal mischief. An unknown person unscrewed the center post. A Campus Safety officer reattached the post to the doorframe. A work order was submitted to Plant Operations to check the door.

Oct. 15 – Injured Student – In Trexler Pavilion, upper level, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was to go to the Health Center on Monday.

Oct. 15 – Larceny/Theft – At 2245 Liberty St., there was a report of a stolen bicycle. The item was later found and was not stolen as per the owner. There was no further incident.

Oct. 15 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from the shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 15 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On N. Leh St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. Allentown Police Department will issue a sweep ticket for littering. Plant Operations was notified to clean up the broken bottle. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 16 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 16 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. The residents were cited by the City of Allentown for Disruptive Conduct and a Disruptive Conduct report will be issued by Muhlenberg College for the violations. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 16 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Cetronia Ambulance arrived and transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 16 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital. Allentown Police Department responded and the student was cited for Underage Drinking. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol that was found in the student's room.

Oct. 16 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found ID card and key. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Oct. 16 – Lost Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a lost wallet. The wallet was later found.

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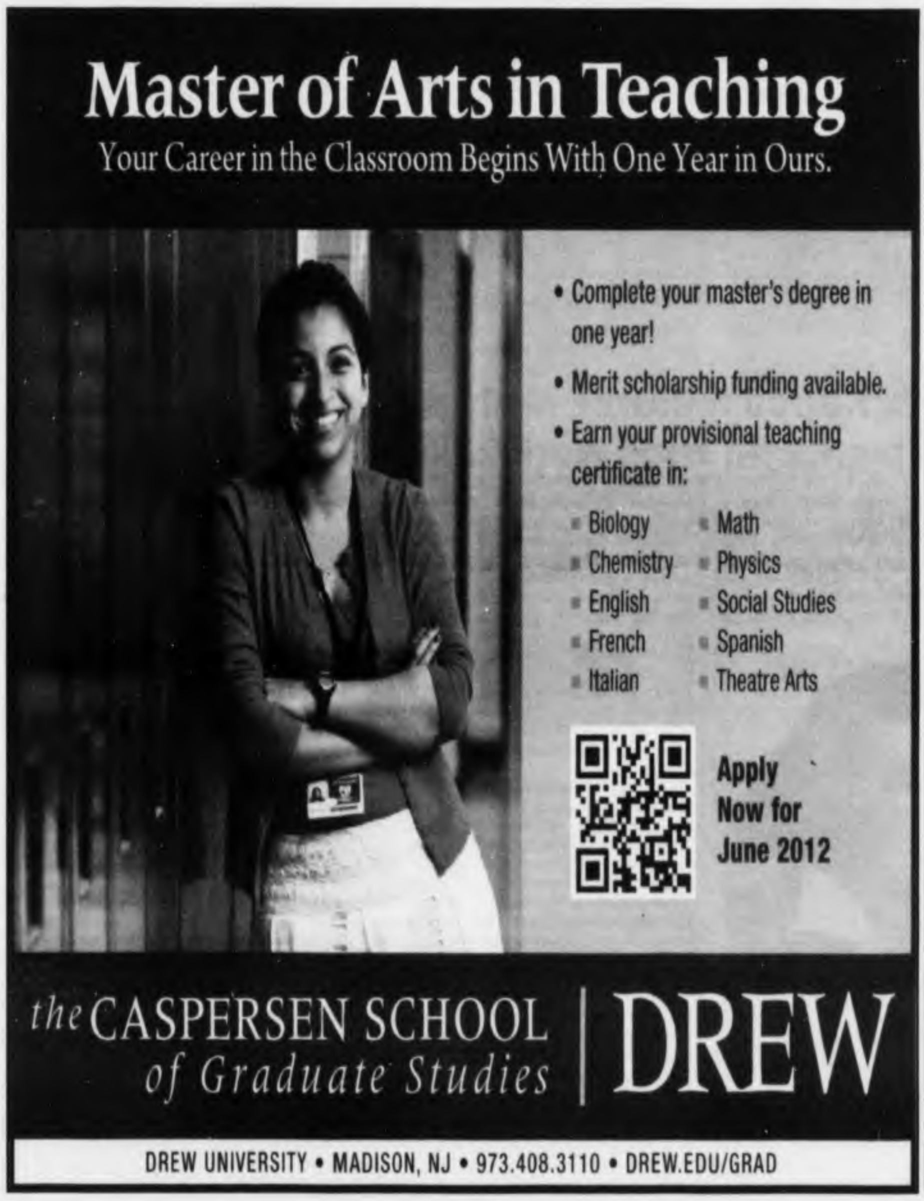
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Student Council allocates funds and Discusses inequalities of women's sports

by Megan Roxberry

The Student Council met for the ninth time this semester on October 7. Among the more major issues the Council addressed were the allocation of funds for club budgets; the question of women's athletic equality at Muhlenberg; and the potential changes of the Academic Behavior Code and Core Curriculum.

The meeting began with the statement of Council treasurer, Joe Nave, that $19,656 was left to allocate for the semester. (The Council receives $111,000 for the year; this fund is mainly derived from the Student Activities fee each student pays upon registering.) The Council's budget is tight this year and several club budgets were discussed and decided upon.

The Rifle Club's budget was not approved as Council members had questions concerning the ammunition that the club needed. Council members also expressed confusion as to whether any of the club's funds fell under the Athletic Department's budget, since membership in the club partially fulfills gym requirements. The Student Life Committee was designated to investigate the matter.

Four other budgets were approved: the Cardinal Key budget of $65, the *Weekly's* first semester budget of $17,250, the MTA's budget of $5,250, and the Outing Club's budget of $300. Council automatically cuts a flat rate of this money off of the approved budgets, so the actual amounts upon distribution are less. *The Weekly* will actually receive $15,000; Cardinal Key: $55; MTA: $4,472; and Outing Club: $255. As a consequence of the particularly tight budget this year, the Resident Hall Council was refused funds, at least for the present time. Council members such as Rob Berman also brought up the fact that club budgets must be better watched over and checked by Council. Action may be taken on these proposals in the future.

The next issue that was brought up at the meeting was the question of women's athletics on campus. Marion Cohen spoke on the matter. She first delivered a set of statistics on women's and men's athletics at Muhlenberg. She pointed out the inequality in the amount of women's and men's varsity sport teams; she also stated that six men's teams have paid assistant coaches while there are no women's assistant coaches.

An example of this inequality of coaches can be found in varsity basketball—the male team has an assistant coach while the female team does not. She asked for Council's support in the matter, and after a discussion, Council gave formal backing of women's and men's equality in intercollegiate and all other athletic ventures at Muhlenberg.

Various Council committees next presented their reports. Cathi Bernecker of the Academic Committee explained that the Council is attempting to make some changes regarding the Honor Code. The Council is considering a policy which would request a student to reaffirm the Code each semester.

There may also be mandatory proctoring of every in-class assignment on which a student receives a grade. Proctoring will be further discussed with faculty department heads before a final decision is reached. The Council also wishes to continue with their policy of in-class evaluations; however, some faculty and/or administration opposition is being met on this issue.

The Student Life Committee and the Grievance Board then gave their reports. Student Life expressed a desire to sponsor some type of "Winter Weekend" event at the beginning of next semester; however, the committee is being forced to face a lack of funds, so its plans will be changed. The committee also plans to examine and re-define the Student Council's constitution and purposes.

The Grievance Board reported two separate fire alarm instances in which resident hall students were charged for false alarms. Rob Berman, head of the board, is presently investigating this matter. Berman also reported that the Institution of Sound is now suffering a "power struggle" within the group; because the group has no constitution, it was denied funds and use of equipment until it produces one.

The subject of the Core Curriculum retreat was discussed and Dean Bryan commented that the twenty students on the retreat served the college community very efficiently and were well-versed in the present curriculum requirements. Diane Pedicini stated that the Dining Committee is also working out well and stressed that the committee wishes to evaluate as many suggestions from the students as possible.

New Business was brought up before the meeting ended; a motion was passed that no club may be allocated funds by the Council if it is formed more than a month after a semester has begun. This would allow clubs formed late in the semester to better analyze their financial needs and then come to the Council at the beginning of the next semester. The idea was also suggested by Butch Lieber and other members that the Student Council should allocate a certain percentage of their monies to a contingency-type fund. This would allow the Council a financial reserve in the event of a club encountering an unexpected financial emergency. The resignation of Council representative Steve Thompson was announced by President Cindy Kampf and the meeting was adjourned.

Phone fraud problem at 'Berg

by Mary Hudson

A serious problem concerning the use of private telephones is occurring on campus. Several people have been brought before Student Court (as reported in the Court Briefs for last week's paper) for telephone credit card fraud. This offense involves using another person's credit card number to pay for a phone call. Besides being grossly unfair to the innocent party, this action is also a criminal offense against Ma Bell.

Telephone credit card fraud is quite common in colleges, especially in the Lehigh Valley area. On campus, actions are being taken in Student Court to curtail this dishonest activity. When offenders are found guilty, sanctions are imposed, such as fines, warnings, and probations. This year though, stiffer penalties are in store for those who make more than $50 worth of fraudulent calls.

Two weeks ago, members of Student Court met with Chuck Orner, the head of security, who is very annoyed about this situation. He explained the new system of penalties. Any student who makes more than $50 in calls will face prosecution by District Courts in Allentown, as well as Student Court. This means two sets of fines possibly, and also the restitution demanded by the telephone company. Mr. Orner says, "Prosecution in court is not a usual practice, since I like to give students a break." In spite of his sympathy, though, he feels this crackdown is necessary to alleviate this problem.

So far this year there have been six trials in Student Court. Nadeem Maqbool, the president of Student Court, said that though offenders may not be caught in the beginning, sooner or later their dishonest actions catch up with them.

Curtis Dretsch, technical director of the Muhlenberg College Theatre.

Theatre Dept. receives lighting system

by Suzanne V. Ziegler

Despite great anticipation and anxiety among members of the theatre department, a new computerized lighting system was installed in the Center for the Arts Theater on September 23, just in time for the debut performance of *Album*.

"The department has been 'hoping' for a new lighting system for the last three years," said Mr. Curtis Dretsch, assistant professor of drama and technical director of the Muhlenberg College Theater. The old system, which is only six years old now, has been plagued with problems since the beginning. According to Dretsch, "badly engineered hardware," poor quality equipment, and a more "primitive" computer were the major obstacles. Updating the old system was impossible because new parts were unavailable from the now-bankrupt company.

Dretsch went to the administration last spring to explain that nothing could be done, and was authorized by the Board of Trustees in May to purchase a new lighting system.

The system was bought from an old New York based company, Kliegl Brothers and Company, on the recommendation of the original architects and engineers of the CA.

Although "extremely expensive," the new system consultants say it should run perfectly for twelve to fifteen years with "minimal commonsense maintenance."

Because of the company's policy of continuing to make parts for their various systems, the equipment can later be updated and repaired. "They're still making parts for systems built 40 years ago," Dretsch remarked.

According to Mr. Dretsch, although this new system is extremely sophisticated, there is less likelihood of a breakdown because it contains no moving parts; it is a very basic and simply designed system. Dretsch points out, the hardware utilizes the latest technical innovations because it was designed less than a year ago.

The principles of functioning are basically the same for both systems. However, the new computerized system has three basic advantages: it is built to be completely reliable; it has a larger capacity and can therefore light a larger area; it is much more time-efficient. The old system took three to four times longer to set up. For example, Curtis Dretsch recalled, "a recital which used to take six to seven hours to set up now only takes an hour and a half."

A new feature concerns the dimmers, which regulate the voltage flow to the lights. In the new system, the dimmers constantly balance themselves according to a current flow of 60 cycles/sec. Therefore no adjustments are needed, Dretsch pointed out. This gives a consistent energy flow, allowing for smoother light changes.

In addition, the dimmers themselves are "intelligent" because of a "memory system." This is important, Dretsch explained, because if the console (containing the microprocessors which usually send information to the dimmers) ever broke down, the dimmers would still be able to function with a passable degree of competency.

The lighting system can be time-activated, manually operated or a combination of both, which allows for more sophisticated effects. The result is a "more elegant and artistic final product," said Dretsch in praise of the new system.

He noted that because "lighting is partly subliminal"—where light movement, color and angle work on the audience unconsciously—not everyone may notice a difference with the system. However, Dretsch said he has definitely seen a vast improvement in both the type of effects and the smoothness of their execution.

When asked if he thought the new computerized system was operating at expected standards, Dretsch answered, "I'm delighted with it! It has performed perfectly and I expect it to continue to do so. We don't have to worry like we used to."

Phi Beta Kappa lecturer Mulvery Speaks on Irish Nationalism

This year's Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Program presents Professor Helen F. Mulvery, Professor of History at Connecticut College. Under the sponsorship of the program, Dr. Mulvery will spend two days on campus, giving a formal lecture, meeting with students and taking part in classroom discussion.

Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar Helen F. Mulvery.

"Irish Nationalism, Realities and Aspirations" is the topic of lecture, which will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Center for the Arts.

Among Dr. Mulvery's many noteworthy achievements is a critical study of work published in "Irish History Since 1936" and a bibliographical volume in the "New History of Ireland," of which she is co-editor.

A past president of the New England Historical Association, Dr. Mulvery is a member of the Conference on British Studies and the American Committee for Irish Studies, and formerly served on the Committee on Fulbright Awards for Britain and Ireland. Of special interest to Dr. Mulvery is the fields of conflicting interpretations of and attitudes toward Irish history.

In addition to the Public Lecture, Dr. Mulvery will make classroom appearances in History Colloquium and European Issues and Problems. She will also be available on Friday, October 22nd to discuss graduate work and careers in history.

WEEKLY

Life!

"I do not regret one moment of my life. "
- Lillie Langtry

The College defends itself with the practice of aikido

By Adam Wu
Life Writer

There are already many physically intense clubs and activities here at the College besides sports which students can be a part of and enjoy with each other. Yet there hasn't been a club that really challenged both the mind and body. Well, there is now.

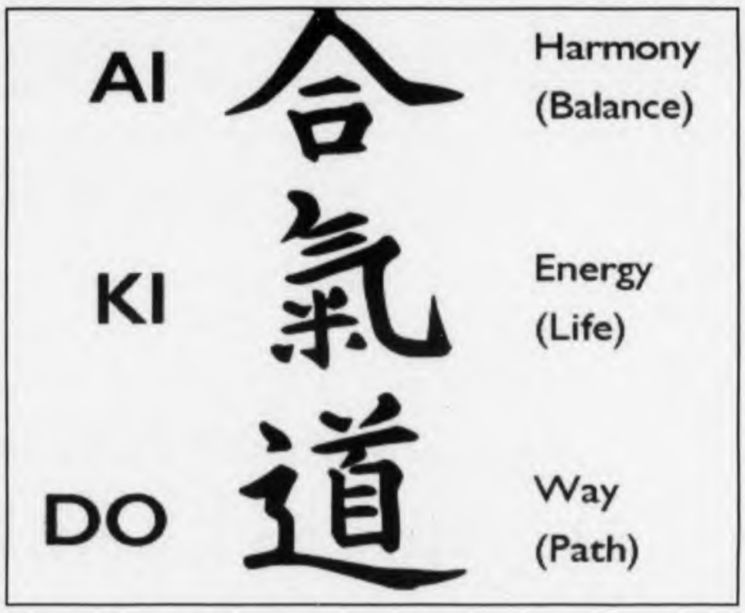
Introducing the newly-formed martial arts club. Students from various styles and disciplines can practice self-defense and other useful techniques together. The club, as of now, meets weekly on Saturdays from 1 pm to 3 pm in the racquetball courts in the Life Sports Center. Sensei Pervizpour, a practitioner of the martial art Aikido, supervises and teaches self-defense techniques that are unique to Aikido.

Students have the opportunity to learn techniques that focus on proper safety when practicing Aikido throws and takedowns. From complex rolls and throws to simple warm up exercises and stretches, each class can provide a comfortable learning environment for any student, regardless of their martial arts background. In regards to that, students can feel free to wear any uniform that they have from their specific martial art.

The most interesting fact about Aikido is that it doesn't require as much physical strength as other martial arts to properly execute a move. Instead, it focuses on techniques that redirect the force of an attacker's strength against him. This could provide a great amount of flexibility for any student as he or she can focus on using momentum as a tool in the arsenal of techniques. Proper safety procedures are also followed so as to prevent the risk of injury. Thus, proper techniques in rolling, falling, and stretches are emphasized.

While Aikido is one of many martial arts that students can learn in the club, there is also the opportunity to be exposed to other styles that other students practice.

By the end of the day, students can leave from the club with an expansive knowledge of martial arts.



The breakdown of the word 'aikido.'

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Ask the Panda Girl: *The Weekly*'s advice column

The Panda Girl

Hey Muhlenberg people! Hope you all enjoyed your Fall Break. I hope you used your time well and got some much needed R&R. Now that you've recharged your body and mind, why not recharge your space and spirit? Take time this weekend to make a mid-semester check-in with your surroundings and habits. Is your desk cluttered with papers, food wrappers and soda cans? How's your floor doing; does it look like a dog rolled around all over it? How about those bed sheets; is there a nice little sink-hole where you pass out every night? What do you find yourself doing at night, munching on Ho-Ho's and watching *Family Guy*, or actually doing some reading?

I'm not going to pass judgment. I admit my Panda cave has gotten a little overgrown lately. Let's clean up our space to match our newly cleaned out brains! Get some Clorox wipes and wipe off the cup rings on the desk. Get some glass cleaner and wipe off your window, mirror, and laptop screen. The bookstore sells this neat stuff called Cyber-Clean that gets in between keys and can pull up all the crumbs and clean off all the potato chip grease that's smearing your keyboard. It works on cell phones and other electronic gizmos too. I used it to clean off my ps2 controller after a marathon afternoon of Chex Mix and Metal Gear. Take the time to actually launder your bed sheets. This includes your pillowcase. You'll be surprised how much better you sleep when your bed smells like lavender. Try rotating or flipping your mattress pad, too, as this will get rid of that indent and provide better support for your back. Another helpful hint for better sleep is to keep your bed a sleep-only zone. No reading, eating, or internet in bed will help your body recognize that when you're in bed, it's time to turn off. You'll fall asleep faster and sleep deeper.

It's time to look at your routine and habits, too. Try and pinpoint your less-than-favorable habits and see if you can fix them. Maybe give yourself a rule like no TV before you've read at least X number of pages, or perhaps make after-dinner time your study time. This is the perfect time to fix things now so you don't have such a hard time when finals come. And, as always, feel free to send me any questions or concerns! I'll try and help solve some panda-monium in your life.

Send your letters to: AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or via campus mail to box 2072.

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This Weekend on Campus

Thursday, October 20, 2011

1). Block by Block: The Merchants of Old Allentown Photography from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Center for the Arts Galleria.

2). The Mules at the Market from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Allentown's Farmers Market with free bus transportation offered during the common hour.

Friday, October 21, 2011

1). Zumba from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. at the Life Sports Center.

2). Chamber Music Concert: The Carducci Quartet from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Baker Theatre.

3). Movie: Rocky Horror Picture Show from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m at the Red Door.

Saturday, October 22, 2011

1). Kaplan Test Drive (DAT) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ettinger 2nd Floor.

2). Kaplan Test Drive (GRE) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ettinger 2nd Floor.

3). Kaplan Test Drive (LSAT) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ettinger 2nd Floor.

4). Kaplan Test Drive (MCAT) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ettinger 2nd Floor.

5). Kaplan Test Drive (GMAT) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ettinger 2nd Floor.

6). Muhlenberg Ice Hockey from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at The Rink at Lehigh Valley.

Sunday, October 23, 2011

1). Faculty Recital: Michael Toth, piano with guest artists from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the CA Recital Hall.

2). Zumba from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Life Sports Center.

Career Center updates

By Torie Paone
Executive Editor

Create Connections with Philosophy!

The Career Center is partnering up with Alumni Relations for a program you don't want to miss!

On Thursday, Nov. 3 for a dessert reception in the Seegers Event Space from 6:30-8:30 p.m., alumni who majored in the humanities will come back to campus. Meet, mix, and mingle with grads that have majored in Art, Philosophy, Religion Studies, English, and American Studies! Tips on "how to network" will also be available at the beginning of the event.

If you are interested in attending the event, RSVP in Career Connections. If you are having trouble with Career Connections, then stop by the Career Center and they will help you.

Anthropology Graduate School Session!

This event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 4:30 p.m. in Soc./Anthro 25.

Learn about Graduate School programs and the application process from faculty members.

English Department Graduate School Session!

This event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. in CA155.

Learn about Graduate School programs and the application process from faculty members.

History and African American Studies Graduate School Session!

This event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. in Ettinger 210.

Lehigh Valley Law Day!

This event will be held on Monday, Oct. 24 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Seegers Union Event Space.

Fall fashion 2011 alert

By Avni Mittal
Life Writer

Leaves changing, pumpkin flavored everything, and cold mornings… it must be fall.

The transition from summer to winter weather dress can either be depressing or exciting for those who love flaunting fun, colorful dresses and tank tops without having to wear a sweater or tights underneath. But just because the seasons are changing does not mean that the color has to go away. In fact, this year one of the fall fashion trends is bright colors according to *InStyle* and *Glamour Magazine*. So breakout those bright colored dresses you wear in the summer, or those hot pink pumps. If people give you stares, they obviously do not know fashion and are probably wearing grays and browns to fit in with the fall colors. Be a fashion model on campus and buy that brightly colored full sleeve dress or sweater and pair it up with some cute boots and a necklace and you will be ready to go.

Pumpkins are a major sign of fall.

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Men's soccer moves up in standings

By Eric Margulies
Sports Writer

Men's soccer won again on Saturday in a conference matchup against Franklin & Marshall. The Mules came into the game in a three-way tie for fourth place, but finished in a three-way tie for second. All three top ranked teams in the Centennial Conference lost, while Muhlenberg found a way to win. Johns Hopkins lost to Dickinson, Ursinus defeated Swarthmore, and Haverford beat Gettysburg. The Mules are now tied with Swarthmore and Dickinson for second place in the conference.

This matchup featured a rematch of last year's conference semifinals, in which the Mules won 4-0. Franklin & Marshall was looking for revenge, but the Mules stood their ground and pulled off a victory. Muhlenberg defeated the Diplomats 2-1 making the Mules 8-3-1, 4-2 for the season. Franklin & Marshall is now 7-4-2, 3-3.

The Diplomats who started off hot but could not convert, and Muhlenberg got a pair of goals early from Senior Midfielder Josh Luginbuhl and Junior Forward Danny Way. Luginduhl scored first in the thirteenth minute from the corner of the box to the post.

A few minutes later, the Mules struck again. Sophomore Midfielder Jacob Joseph chipped a pass over the defenders and Way ran it down and tipped it over the keeper's hands into the back of the net.

The Diplomats recovered quickly and scored moments later to cut the lead to one at the half. Franklin & Marshall looked to come out strong in the second half and convert on their many opportunities, but were unable to do so.

There were few shots on goal in the second half until the final minutes of the game. In the 87th minute the Diplomats shot at a keeperless goal, but Sophomore Defender Jonathan Schauer covered the open net and kicked the ball out of bounds, resulting in a corner kick. The corner kick led to three more shots by Franklin & Marshall, of which the first two were blocked and the third one sailed into the back of the net.

The Diplomats started to celebrate, as they believed that they had tied the game; however, they were mistaken. The referee blew the whistle and called a foul, negating the goal.

Muhlenberg continued their winning ways at home, bringing their current record to 5-0-1. They plan to keep up the competition in hopes of earning number one in the conference.

Lisa Youngentob

Freshman Defender Colin Maehler and the rest of the Muhlenberg defense kept the leading scorer in the CC off the board.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Youngentob

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football
(3-3, 3-2 CC)
10/15 @ Gettysburg L 14-10

Men's Soccer
(8-3-1, 4-2 CC)
10/5 vs. The College of New Jersey T 0-0
10/9 @ Washington College W 1-0
10/12 @ Drew L 3-0
10/15 vs. Franklin & Marshall W 2-1

Women's Soccer
(6-7-2, 3-3-1 CC)
10/7 @ Washington College W 2-0
10/12 @ Bryn Mawr W 3-0
10/13 @ Moravian L 3-2
10/15 vs. Franklin & Marshall L 1-0

Women's Tennis
(1-0, 0-0 CC)
10/6 vs. Moravian W 7-2

Field Hockey
(4-9, 2-5 CC)
10/7 @ Washington College L 5-1
10/12 vs. Kings L 5-1
10/15 vs. Franklin & Marshall L 3-1

Volleyball
(4-12, 2-2 CC)
10/5 @ Bryn Mawr W 3-1
10/7 @ Washington College W 3-1
10/12 vs. Franklin & Marshall L 3-2
10/15 @ Lebanon Valley L 3-0
vs. Stevenson L 3-0

Cross Country
10/8 DeSales Invitational - Men 28th, Women 6th
10/15 Leopard Invitational @ Lafayette - Men 8th, Women 6th

Volleyball takes defending CC champion to fifth set

Courtesy of
Muhlenberg Athletics

For the second time in three weeks, the Muhlenberg volleyball team pushed one of the elite squads in the Centennial Conference to the limit. And for the second time, the Mules came away with a loss that was both heartbreaking because of the result and uplifting because of the progress it showed in the team.

This time, the opponent was defending CC champion Franklin & Marshall. Muhlenberg came back from a 2-0 deficit in sets to tie and a 7-3 deficit in the fifth set to take a lead, but the Diplomats eventually pulled it out, 15-13.

Two weeks ago, the Mules threatened to end Haverford's 29-match CC regular-season winning before falling in the fifth set, 15-12.

Muhlenberg hasn't beaten F&M (11-8, 6-1) since 2003, and it didn't look like there would be any chance of that happening after the Diplomats closed out the first set on a 16-3 run to win 25-18, then led comfortably throughout in winning the second set, 25-20. In the third set, however, the Mules took an early lead by scoring four straight points on the serve of sophomore Erica Wenzel and held on the whole way to win, 25-21.

Muhlenberg (6-13, 4-3) grabbed a 15-9 lead at the start of the fourth, but F&M came back to tie at 16-all. The back-and-forth set was tied at 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22 before the Mules finally broke away on two Diplomat attack errors and a set-ending kill by freshman Lindsey Gambocurta.

F&M opened the fifth and deciding set with a 7-3 lead. After a Muhlenberg timeout, senior Brooke McQueen put down one of her team-leading 11 kills to kick off a startling 7-0 run that gave the Mules a 10-7 lead. Senior Davi Gordon, returning from injury to play for the first time in almost a month, had two of her nine kills in the run.

The Diplomats came back, however, tied the set at 11, and went on to win, 15-13. Gordon had 5 blocks to go along with her 9 kills. Freshman Nikki Dickson recorded a career-high 31 assists, and freshman Alyssa Schell pulled up 23 digs.

Is there a point to racing?

By Jeremy Fuchs
Sports Writer

I wouldn't be surprised if no one reading this was a racing fan. Because let's face it: Auto racing just isn't a mainstream sport. In fact, there's a whole debate about whether it is a sport. (My answer: I don't think so. No, I don't drive at 200 miles per hour around an oval for 600 laps, but I don't think it requires significant athletic ability.)

But, that's not what matters. On Sunday, two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon died after crashing into a wall during a race. He was 33. He leaves behind two young sons.

I don't watch racing, so I can't point to why it's appealing. Maybe it's the thrill of watching cars drive at 200 miles per hour. Maybe there's something hypnotic about watching cars drive in circles for a few hours. I don't know. I almost don't want to know. Because racing is just too dangerous.

Sports have the potential to injure, seriously injure, and in some cases, cause fatalities. No one signs up for that. No one wants that to happen. Sadly, it does.

But in racing, it seems to happen more often. Wheldon is the seventh driver to die in open wheel racing since 1996, and that doesn't account for NASCAR deaths. Deaths happen far too often in a sport that, at least to me, seems largely unnecessary.

"I don't think anybody can predict this," Penske Racing president Tim Cindric said. "Racing is what we do. The more cars we have, the healthier the series is. It's unfortunate this happened. Racing is inherently a dangerous sport. That's the thrill of why these guys do it, why we do it, and why it's entertaining to watch -the unpredictable nature of it. We've all seen days like this before-we just hope they are minimized."

Racing is very profitable. ESPN broadcasts all major NASCAR races. ABC broadcasts the Indianapolis 500. There is a viewership, and a large one at that. Still, the sport offers too much danger to offset the popularity.

Forget the fact that these cars are designed to go unnaturally fast. Forget there's a crowded pack of cars turning at the same time. Forget all that. Driving is dangerous to begin with. As my uncle described to me when I first started driving, "Cars are a weapon and you should just pray you don't kill anyone." It certainly gave me pause.

The aim in racing is to finish first, by any means necessary. Bumping cars is fine. Getting in between cars is fine. Passing cars at dangerous speeds is fine. All's fair.

There are numerous safety tools implemented in the car and in the walls on the track. Clearly, it's not enough. I don't know the particulars of race car safety, but advancements need to be made, and soon.

Dan Wheldon didn't have to die. Yes, he made his livelihood driving a car at fast speeds. And I don't wish to denigrate the lives of those who make their living this way. I just can't wrap my head around it.

I don't know what the future holds for racing. I don't know how it moves on from this tragic death. Maybe it doesn't. It probably will, sadly. Sports seem to move on from tragic deaths too quickly.

At least to me, a 33-year old dead from playing a sport such as auto racing seems completely and wholly unnecessary.

Senior Captain Spotlight

WOMEN'S SOCCER CAPTAIN

MEGHAN O'GRADY

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

1) Hometown: Wyomissing, PA

2) Major/Minors: Business Administration/Media and Communication

3) Soccer position played: Midfield and Forward

4) When did you start playing soccer? When i was five years old

5) Hobbies besides soccer: Running

6) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Any favorite memories or valuable experiences with the team and/or coaches? Building the team that we have this year has been all that I could ask for out of my college soccer experience. We are more than just teammates; we are each others' best friends and biggest fans. I couldn't have asked for a better group of girls to call my team. I would hope that every college athlete has the opportunity to be part of a team like the one we have.

MEN'S SOCCER CAPTAIN

JOSH LUGINBUHL

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

1) Hometown: Denver, PA

2) Major/Minors: Biology

3)Soccer position played: Center Midfielder

4) When did you start playing soccer? Around the age of four

5) Favorite athletes: Tom Brady, Lionel Messi

6) Favorite sports teams: Philadelphia Phillies

7) Hobbies besides soccer: Listening to music, reading, working out

8) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Any favorite memories or valuable experiences with the team and/or coaches?
What I like most about playing at Muhlenberg is the team camaraderie. We all get along and are really close both on and off the field. The great experiences I've had playing soccer at Muhlenberg are that much better because I went through them.

9) Post-graduate plans or ideas: After Muhlenberg, I plan on continuing my education to prepare for a career in the medical field.

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Football drops low-scoring game at windy Gettysburg

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Entering its Centennial Conference football showdown with Muhlenberg, it was Gettysburg's prolific offense that received most of the attention. But the Bullet defense showed it can step up when needed.

After allowing more than 420 yards and 42 points per game entering the contest, Gettysburg limited the Mules to just 220 yards and 10 points to help earn a 14-10 come-from-behind victory on a windy day on The Battlefield.

It was Muhlenberg's third loss in its last four gamesat Gettysburg and dropped them from a tie for second in the CC.

The Mule defense, for its part, forced five turnovers and held Gettysburg, which entered the game averaging 552 yards (first in Division III) and 48 points (second in Division III) per contest, to just 390 yards and the two scores, both of which were season lows.

For the first 15 minutes of the game, Muhlenberg could do no wrong. On Gettysburg's second play of the game, senior Chris Hartzell forced a fumble that was recovered by classmate Kenneth Cobb near midfield.

The offense took over and marched down the field behind the passing of junior Dan Deighan. He completed all four of his attempts on the drive for 57 yards, including a perfectly thrown fade over the arms of the defender on third-and-22 to freshman Tyler George for a 24-yard touchdown that gave the Mules a 7-0 lead less than five minutes into the game.

The Mules forced a three-and-out on Gettysburg's next possession and added to their lead when senior Gregg Mercogliano booted a career-long 44-yard field goal with a strong left-to-right crosswind to make it 10-0.

When the first quarter finally came to a close, Muhlenberg had run twice as many plays as the Bullets (26 to 13), and held huge advantages in total yards (130 to 38) and time of possession (11:28 to 3:32).

But when the teams traded ends to start the second quarter, Gettysburg got the strong wind at its back. And just two plays later, the Bullets (4-2, 4-1) showed their explosiveness when they connected on a 73-yard touchdown pass to cut their deficit to three.

That play woke up the entire team as the defense yielded just 90 yards of total offense and held the Mules (3-3, 3-2) scoreless the rest of the way.

The Bullets tried to tie the score twice in the second quarter, but Mule freshman Michael Long leaped over the pile to block a pair of field goal attempts, including one with 24 seconds to play in the half, to keep the Mules in front.

However, on the first play after Long's second block, the Bullets picked off a pass and returned it to the Mule 38-yard line to give themselves another chance to score just before the half. But junior Shane O'Connor stopped a Bullet receiver at the 1-yard line with no time left on the clock to keep the score 10-7.

Gettysburg took the lead on a 19-yard touchdown strike on 3rd-and-13 to make it 14-10 with 6:15 to play in the third quarter.

The Mules moved the ball into Bullet territory on their next drive, but turned it over on downs. Their next two drives ended in a punt and an interception, and Gettysburg ran out the final 3:58 to seal the win.

Senior Patrick McDonough led the defense with 13 tackles, including a half-sack and another one for loss.

Junior Terrence Dandridge rushed for 65 yards to go over 2,000 for his career.

Senior Linebacker Mike Fiorillo recorded eight tackles, including one for loss, and forced a fumble.

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(3-3, 3-2 CC)
Sat. 10/29 @ Juniata 1:00

Men's Soccer
(8-3-1, 4-2 CC)
Sat. 10/22 @ Gettysburg 7:00
Wed. 10/26 @ Dickinson 5:00

Field Hockey
(4-9, 2-5 CC)
Fri. 10/21 @ Gettysburg 3:30
Tues. 10/25 @ Moravian 3:30

Women's Soccer
(6-7-2, 3-3-1 CC)
Sat. 10/22 @ Gettysburg 4:00

Volleyball
(6-15, 4-3 CC)
Sat. 10/22 @ Gettysburg 12:00
Wed. 10/26 vs. Ursinus 7:00

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Russian and International Studies students see Gorbachev speak at Lafayette College

By Deborah Ward
News Writer

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former head of state of the Soviet Union, spoke to over 3,600 people at Lafayette College last Wed., Oct. 19th. Tickets to the event were free but in extremely high demand, disappearing soon after becoming available. In addition to those at the live speech, hundreds attended internet streaming events held coast to coast and in Mexico. Among the 3,600 people at Lafayette were 80 members of Muhlenberg's Russian and International Studies programs.

Gorbachev was asked to speak at Lafayette to celebrate the creation of the College's Center for Global Education. Daniel H. Weiss, President of Lafayette College, stated that the goal of this new center was to "connect the classroom to the world outside." Who better to talk about global connections than Mikhail Gorbachev? At 80 years old, Gorbachev has had much experience in global relations. The General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991, and President of the Soviet Union from 1990 to 1991, Gorbachev was awarded the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize for his outstanding efforts to end the Cold War. In the 1980s, during one of the lowest points in the Cold War, when relations between the East and West were very tense, Gorbachev initiated arms control talks, ended the Soviet War in Afghanistan, and released Soviet control over communist states in Eastern Europe. Gorbachev coined two important words, recognizable in all languages of the world - *perestroika* (governmental and economic restricting) and *glasnost* (political openness) and began the revolutionary political and economic reforms which these two new words symbolized.

The first half of Gorbachev's speech was a reflection on his reforms in the former Soviet Union. "The moment came when we needed to conclude that the small steps that we had been taking were not producing the expected results, were not allowing people to move forward… At that time we needed to do something bolder… We understood it was necessary to change the system." The latter half of the talk was focused on the present and the ways in which Gorbachev feels the collapse of the Soviet Union has shaped the current global landscape. Gorbachev does not believe the world situation has evolved properly; instead he believes we are facing a crisis. The environment, food shortages, poverty, "all of these problems are because we don't have a system of global governance. I must say I have been disappointed over these past years by many developments we have witnessed," he argued. Throughout the course of his lecture, it became clear that Gorbachev believes it is time, again, to do something bold and change the system.

When Gorbachev and his contemporaries began to enact change, they were the 'new generation.' He told us that it had been their responsibility to "act for security and the sake of the Russian people." In America, this 'new generation' is ours. Gorbachev expressed his belief that any change to come to the world is going to come from the students and ordinary people – not from the individuals already in power. He told us that he is saying the same thing to the people of Russia: "Those who want

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Muhlenberg Russian and International Studies students group together while waiting for Gorbachev.

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Family Weekend Fun

This weekend the college will welcome the parents of current students for the annual Family Weekend traditions. This year there are plenty of activities being offered, along with the plentiful opportunities that Allentown has offer. Here are some ideas to keep you and your family busy:

1.See the Muhlenberg Theathre and Dance production of *Merrily We Roll Along.* Students have been working really hard on the show, so it is nice for them to see their friends supporting them!

2. Introduce your parents to all your friends, so they can match a face to the people you constantly tell them about over the phone.

3. Attend President Helm's State of the College Address Saturday at 10:30 in Empie Threatre; it will keep you and your parents well informed about the College.

4. Take your parents to your favorite restaurant in Allentown.

5. Support the football team by attending their game at 1 p.m. versus Dickinson College on Saturday.

6. Support the men's soccer team at their game at 4 p.m. versus Ursinus on Saturday.

7. Take your parents to lunch in the Wood Dining Commons, so they can experience the food you eat on a regular basis. Yum!

8. Get some free bobble head dolls and chocolate-dipped delicacies Saturday night in Seegers starting at 8 p.m.

9. Discuss what you are dressing up as for Halloween with your family. It's next week!

10. Most importantly, enjoy catching up with your family and make sure to share some funny stories to keep things light!

These are just a few suggestions. There are plenty of other activities to keep you occupied throughout the weekend. Remember to take a break from all your homework, so you can enjoy the time you have to spend with your family. Here's another idea: get some college attire at the Bookstore.

Occupy what?

By Alexander Brotman
Op/Ed Writer

Most movements in the United States seem to have unified messages. In the Civil Rights era there was an urgent need for African Americans and minorities to achieve universal rights. Vietnam, arguably, spurred the largest protests in American history because of the draft, and also because it was one of the most unpopular wars in modern times. So, what are the Occupy protesters protesting for? I'm just not quite sure.

First of all, we are in 2011 now, three years after the initial bank bailouts and the collapse of Bear Stearns, Fannie Mae and others. The economy has only improved slightly, if at all, with unemployment among the masses at 9.1 percent and, depending on what minority group you are in, numbers reaching as high as 20 percent. I guess I am confused as to why this is happening now, and why it is happening all around the world. Even in countries with stable economies, these protests are occurring. Europe, Asia, and Australia have all seen protests, ranging in size but with very similar outcomes.

In the United States we don't really have a history of violent protests like some other countries do. We like to think that our protesters don't affiliate with anarchist groups, smoke marijuana, and throw stones, but if you look at some *Wall Street Journal* reports from the past week, this is not that far off.

This is what we hear happens often in Greece, but Greece has rampant corruption. As much as we can argue about the United States, it is hardly as corrupt a nation as some other states that barely have functioning democracies.

The other really scary thing about this is that according to the same *Wall Street Journal* source, up to 31 percent of protesters surveyed are in favor of violence. This, to me, does not send a positive message, especially when the United States has been a role model in advocating non-violent and peaceful approaches to the instability in the Middle East recently.

All of what I am describing to you is what I have read, and there are a lot of reports circulating out there, most painting the protesters as violent individuals who are somewhat radicalized. Now, being a good American, the fact that these people are sleeping outdoors in front of the NYSE and risking a lot to make their voices heard means we should give them some airtime. My major is film studies, and I am interested particularly in

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The culture war of horror

By Josh Clement
Op/Ed Writer

Halloween - the time of costume parties, horror movies, and nights spent inside putting together puzzles - is almost upon us. Now, I like Halloween as much as the next guy (and all guys like Halloween in college: those costume!) but an interesting trend has caught my eye. I saw a graphic on the Internet that showed the amount of zombie movies versus vampire movies as compared to the political party of the President. For the most part, there are predominately more zombie movies during Republican presidencies, and more vampire movies during Democratic presidencies. This becomes more interesting with the knowledge that most horror movies play off of social anxieties. Guess what happens just before a teenager is killed in a 70s/80s horror movie. They have passionate, pre-marital, teenager sex. The battle between zombies and vampires no longer is just a war between the undead fleshes; it reveals our culture's fears, the fear of the other.

Zombies are the obvious metaphor,George Romero used them in the famously *Dawn of the Dead* to satirize consumerism, with a crowd of zombies milling through a mall as the protagonists are grabbing consumer goods off the shelves that they don't need. (Hint: the humans are just like the zombies. It's satire.) However, zombies represent more than just the liberal's fear that humanity is turning into a massive crowd of non-intellectuals that mindlessly await the next big thing that they *need.* Zombies are the quintessential symbolization of Republicans. The GOP has had a pretty renowned history since the 1960s of basing their platform from an economic standpoint. The people who usually try to derail this purely economical train are the ones who either have qualms with it, or get left behind by it: the eggheads and the minorities. The survivors of the zombie epidemic are the remnants of civilization; they are fighting against the mass horde of non-humans, perhaps because they can't think for themselves. That is the main point of zombies: they are humans except that they can't think, making them non-human.

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Now, if we look at some popular representations of non-humans who cannot think for themselves, we run into the problem of the opiate for the masses: religion. The non-humans, unintellectuals, are a mass group that attacks the individuals, the non-conformists. Try asking a liberal if he/she is a conformist; you are more likely to get a hipster to admit that he/she likes Michael Bay, at least ironically. The Tea Party to a liberal is nothing but a crowd of uninformed people who are trying to destroy any progress we could make under a democratic regime by returning to the times of the Founding Fathers once again, not a good scenario for minorities. So we have our Republicans, our mass of zombies that need to be shot in the head or else they will destroy our society because they just can't think for themselves.

Now it is time to turn our attention to the representation of the Democrats, the non-sparkly vampires. (The sparkly ones are really just there to tell you not to have sex or else you are going to die. This seems to be a common theme in movies.) Vampires are sexy, and this is a problem. Vampires reject religion the whole cross thing seems to not be their cup of tea and when you combine that with the whole sex appeal thing, you get a lot of promiscuous sex, and possibly same-sex relations, which all liberals are totally into. Vampires are kind of implied to have these crazy sex orgies where everyone is biting each other and being all non-family-valuesy. Vampires also have the unfortunate side effect of being foreigners. Eastern Europeans are usually the vampires, which plays into the problem. Vampires can pass as normal, just as Eastern Europeans pass in our society as "native". The whole white thing helps. However, the vampires are just waiting for a chance to suck your blood, to feast on their host. Oh yeah, vampires are also parasites, just like Republicans fear that immigrants are, feasting on the blood of the nation.

It is obvious that zombies and vampires are just the other party's projection of their hidden fears. The undead always seem to attack what we hold dear. They are unhumans, the opposite of our society. It's just what we choose to represent society as.

Why do they always have to bite us though? I mean scratching would work just fine the undead have quite the teething period but zombies and vampires all prey on the same concept. They can turn us into the other, infect us. So when the opposite party. Which you choose to put a check by when you can muster up the effort to vote is in power, you start to worry that our society is being torn apart. The solution is simple: shoot them in the head. Also, if you find yourself being watched by an adolescent boy when you are sleeping, but the boy is really 100 years old, run very, very far away. He's about to impregnate you with a devil baby and then your best friend is going to forcibly take your daughter and marry her, hooray for feminism in modern fiction!

Am I learning anything?

BY EVAN KASAKOVE
CO-NEWS EDITOR

Do you ever get the feeling everyone is on to something except you? I doubt teachers ever get that feeling. Somehow talking about Power Point slides that are about World War I for an hour while the majority of the class looks like they have been lobotomized does not scream self-awareness.

When was the last time you had a class where everyone was engaged, i.e. listening and participating in some meaningful way to a discussion beyond the basis of content (2+2=4, Pearl Harbor occurred December 7, 1941)? Of course you, "the student", are part of the problem. The only reason you go to class is so you can one day be rich or because you don't know any other way. The phrase preparing yourself for class means to a college student how best to cope with sleep deprivation or the hangover you pretend not to have. Yes, some students do very well and score very highly on tests that measure whatever the professor thinks he taught, or whatever he hastily managed to throw on the test that wouldn't draw the class's ire. But now that you are better able to remember subatomic particles of an atom, what have you learned besides what the subatomic particles of an atom are (of course, you'll probably just forget this after the test too)?

Umm… nothing. That sounds about right. You can either blame yourself as the student, or the teacher (or Obama or Boehner depending on your political leanings). As a student myself, I am inclined to blame the teacher. Not because I can't take responsibility for my grades (I still don't think that was a fair question to put on the test), but because when I step back from the system that is education and actually look at how teachers teach, and what I am actually doing, I feel like something is really, really wrong.

Why is talking about something for an extended period of time considered teaching? Yes, I know you have an accompanying Power Point with pictures and different colored backgrounds, but I still could care less about what you're saying. The most basic way a teacher keeps a class involved is by asking questions, and when those questions are addressed to no one in particular it ends in one of two ways. One, everyone stares blankly in perpetual silence until the teacher says the answer or asks someone specifically, and you respond, "Can you repeat the question?". Two, someone answers the question, typically in the form of a question (I think it's boron?), to validate their intelligence, or incorrectly, followed by an exculpatory look of shame. Is this the best teachers can do?

Imagine a place where you could sit down and have a discussion with someone in an interesting and meaningful way and at the end of it say, "I really get what she was saying." Does anyone walk out of class this way, or do you hurriedly stuff your books into your bag and run for the door, fleeing from the painful boringness you call class? I think teachers have two main problems. Problem number one is that they have no idea what they are talking about. Problem number two is they may know their stuff but don't know how to effectively teach it to someone else without putting their students into a coma.

Problem number one exists partially because of the larger problem of number two. You may know way more about psychology than that other professor, but you're both reading off a Power Point that could have been written by a high school dropout and an introductory textbook. Sidebar: big words don't make you sound professorial and intelligent, just superior and pedantic. Even your stupid students can figure that out. Teaching is not easy; it involves a tremendous amount of preparation and planning. You can't just read Shakespeare in graduate school and then teach it to uncaring students, proclaiming yourself an expert. You need to reread it each year and really analyze the way you're going to make students care about and understand something they don't care about or understand. It is easy to say, "Well, it's not my fault if they don't like Shakespeare," but maybe it's not Shakespeare just the boring way you lecture.

There is no set of ingredients for good teaching, but it mostly comes from wanting to learn how to teach well and caring about how your students do. If you take a step back from what you're doing and consider, "Am I teaching the right way? Are my students actually learning something?", then maybe you can erase all your preconceived notions of what you believe teaching is and actually teach. Or you can just give everyone an A.

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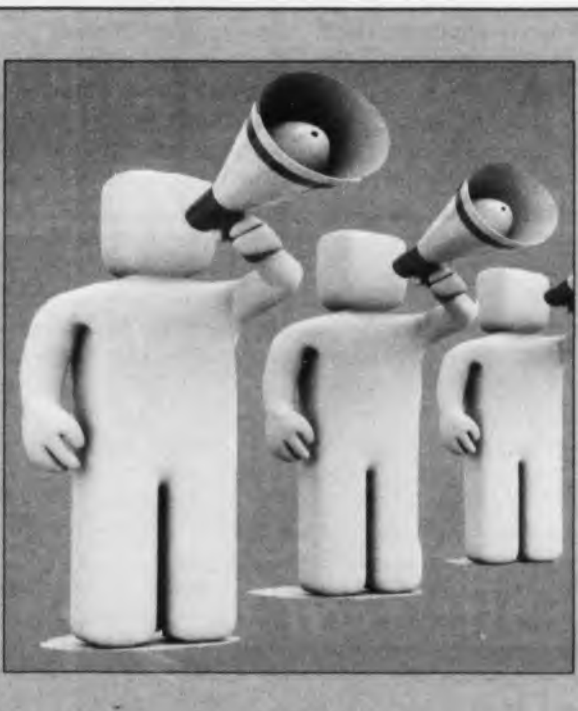
documenting certain movements, real life, and the natural world. This is one of those moments to document. These protesters are Americans, and in America, no matter whether we believe in what a group has to say or not, we have to make sure their voices are heard. We do not crush our protesters and fire tear gas at them; we let them congregate, and we are a better nation for it. My only hope is that before you get involved in a movement like this, you look at all the facts and weigh the options. See who is involved, what the mission is, and then make a decision as to whether or not it is right for you. Maybe ten years down the road, historians will look back at the Occupy movement and be amazed at how much it accomplished. It may even appear in high school text books. All I know is that the 21st century American does not disown his/her neighbor because of his/her involvement in something that he/she personally does not believe in. We are better than that, and in my opinion, there are lots of other ways to enact change.



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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 17 – Possession of False Identification – Off campus, there was a report of a student attempting to use a false ID at Liberty Tavern. The false ID was confiscated and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

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Oct. 17 – Injured Student – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 17 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner of the phone later claimed the item.

Oct. 17 – Found Property – In the Benfer Hall parking lot, there was a report of a found debit card. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at Campus Safety. The card was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner later claimed the item.

Oct. 17 – Found Property – In the Trexler Library, there was a report of found items including a hat, books, sunglasses, eyeglasses, and chargers. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 17 – Found Property – On the front drive, there was a report of a found driver's license. The owner was unable to be contacted. The license was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 17 – Lost Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a lost sweatshirt.

Oct. 17 – Forcible Fondling – On campus, in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, the campus community should know that the Department of Campus Safety received a Jane Doe Report on Oct. 17 of an alleged forcible fondling. The incident occurred on Oct. 15 between the hours of 2:00am and 5:00am in a campus residential facility. The student knows the suspect.

Oct. 17 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

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Oct. 18 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 19 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found sweatshirt. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 19 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 19 – Found Property – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of a found backpack.

Oct. 19 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the 23rd and Gordon Sts. parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. The vehicle's windshield was damaged.

Oct. 19 – Disorderly Conduct – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report of disorderly conduct. Residential Services and the Dean of Students were notified.

Oct. 19 – Found Property – In Ettinger, first floor, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Oct. 19 – Hit and Run – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a hit and run causing damage to the driver's side front fender. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 20 – Found Property – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a found pocket knife. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 20 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 319 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 20 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Oct. 20 – Point of Information – On campus, there was information regarding a letter of no contact.

Oct. 21 – Lost Property – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a lost ring.

Oct. 21 – Lost Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost vacuum. The item was later found.

Oct. 21 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of damage found to the right rear quarter panel of a vehicle. The parties exchanged information.

Oct. 21 – Injured Student – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 21 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer later transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 22 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Near Martin Luther Hall, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. The individuals were identified and exchanged information. There was no further incident.

Oct. 22 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation and disorderly conduct. Allentown Police Department responded. The individuals were identified and spoken to. A letter of trespass was issued.

Oct. 23 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – On Liberty St., there was a report of an attempted theft of Halloween decorations. Allentown Police Department responded. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 23 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival of a Campus Safety officer, the area was cleared and the resident was spoken to. There was no further incident.

Oct. 23 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 23 – Found Property – In Robertson Hall, there was a found credit card. A message was left with the owner. The card was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 23 – Suspicious Activity – Off campus, there was a report of suspicious activity. The individual was identified. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 23 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost watch.

Oct. 23 – Larceny/Theft from Vehicle – On Liberty St., there was a report of theft of a stereo from a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

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to build a future of democracy and freedom, where poverty is no more, where the human is the center; those people will win, I'm sure… The new generation is coming – I see them sitting here."

After the talk Russian Studies students at the College reflected on how Gorbachev's speech connected their classroom experiences and the global stage. Sarah Levitin '14, an International Studies major and double minor in Spanish and Russian, has been learning about transitional states in her Comparative Government course. In her textbook there are discussions of Russia as an example of a transitional state in addition to the analysis of Gorbachev and his nation-changing policies of *perestroika* and *glasnost*. On Wednesday night she was able to see her textbook come alive – literally.

Sydney Yonak '13, an International and Russian Studies major, has been watching a Russian film about the war in Afghanistan (1989 – 96) in her Russian Conversation and Composition course. "Gorbachev spoke a lot about the Cold War and the tension between America and the Soviet Union. It was very interesting to hear his Eastern perspective on the Cold War… We are so used to hearing the Western perspective," she said. Many of the courses within the Russian Studies program – Russian Culture and Civilization, Russian Conversation and Composition, 19th and 20th Century Russian Literature – focus on the Eastern perspective on the world.

Through films, novels, examination of art and architecture, and the study of history and political systems, these courses teach students how the world is viewed through the eyes of the people of Russia – a culture than many in the West do not realize is so different from our own. Parts of Gorbachev's speech exemplified the existence of these differences. Next semester, Yonak will get the opportunity to study abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia. She is excited to have classes on Russian Culture and History actually taught in Russia, "I have seen what the U.S. opinions have been on the Soviet Union and Russia, and I am very interested to see the Russian people's opinions."

Connections between the classroom and Gorbachev's speech were even found by beginning students in Russian Studies courses. Elementary Russian I students had a unique educational experience, being able to listen to a speech by an extremely prominent native speaker of the Russian language. "It was fun to try and recognize some of the words he was saying!" said Elementary Russian I student, Kelly Toner '15. Toner summed up the Muhlenberg students' and faculty member's feelings regarding the event quite well: "It was such a privilege to see and hear someone as prominent as Gorbachev…It was definitely a once in a lifetime experience."

Weekly Sudoku

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'Berg graduate heads Alumni Assn.; Caplan directs activities of alumni

by Valarie Basheda

"The real function of the Alumni Association is to make you feel like you really don't leave Muhlenberg. It's important to keep the ties going," said Betsy Caplan, director of alumni relations. Her office, in conjunction with the Executive Council of the association, runs activities that involve each student before even entering Muhlenberg as a freshman.

Each of the fifteen committees of the Alumni Association have both alumni related activities and undergraduate programs that they run. Their influence starts when a student expresses interest in attending Muhlenberg. The Ambassadors, alumni who talk to prospective students in their area or have get-togethers in their homes, are part of the Alumni Admissions Committee. The office is then responsible for the receptions at June Advising and the first day of orientation, and the free coffee mugs that all freshmen receive.

During the undergraduate years, a student may receive help from the Career Services Committee. Working with the Career Planning and Placement Office, they sponsor alumni to come back and talk about their professions. In the future they hope to have students visit the place of work of an alumnus who has a job in an anticipated career field.

Before each student graduates, he receives a free pen available only from the alumni office. They also sponsor the picnic held during Commencement Weekend.

The Athletic Committee has recently had a lot of influence on the entire Muhlenberg community. They just collected $75,000 so one of the wings in the Life Sports Center can be dedicated to commemorating past athletic achievements. This committee is annually responsible for choosing the outstanding sophomore athlete to receive the Weikert Award. Next year they are starting a new program where any varsity team that wins a division championship receives a permanent plaque.

The two groups that have the most direct effect on the Muhlenberg student, before and after graduation, are the Homecoming Committee and the Reunion Weekend Committee. They plan all the activities for each event. The preparation involved is a difficult task—Caplan is already planning for the Reunion Weekend held in June.

In conjunction with Reunion Weekend, the Achievement Awards Committee chooses six people to receive awards based on service, time

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Photo by Veltri

Betsy Caplan '74 serves as director of Alumni Relations for Muhlenberg College.

Dance company appears

by Judi Riley

HARRY, a modern dance troupe by Senta Driver appeared at Muhlenberg College October 21-22 in a residency that included a dance workshop October 21 and then a performance of their unusual works October 22.

The troupe is an unusual event in dance. In an era when modern dance imitates ballet and as Ms. Driver said, (possesses) "a total lack of self awareness," the works of HARRY challenge all the stereotypes of dance. The name itself, HARRY, as one critic said "prepares the audience for something unexpected."

"I put on the stage what I would like to see," Ms. Driver states. Her works emphasize weight-space relationships. During many of her pieces the only "music" is the "thud" of the dancer's feet. All her dancers are chosen for diverse physical abilities—the women lift the men, the men perform intricate steps and movements not usually expected of them. She breaks down the male/female stereotypes and shows how strength and grace can compliment each other.

Another goal of her dance is the emotionality she feels should be expressed. Ms. Driver instructs her dancers and students to bring out all their emotions in front of the audience. Her pieces stress both the physicality and emotionality of dance.

Senta Driver originally intended to become a medieval scholar, graduating from Bryn Mawr with degrees in Latin and philosophy. She started to take dance while in college and eventually joined the Paul Taylor dance company. She founded HARRY in 1975 and it has since toured 17 states and operates from a studio in New York City. The troupe consists of Rick Gummond, Susan Hadley, Larry Hahn and Andrew Honeychurch and herself, whose backgrounds are diverse and many do not include dance.

Senta Driver presented an open workshop Thursday, October 21 in Muhlenberg's Brown Gym and then performed her works to a full auditorium the following evening. Her dances have been commissioned by the Pennsylvania ballet and many college campuses. HARRY was presented at Muhlenberg as part of the program to commemorate 25 years of coeducation at Muhlenberg.

"Muhlenberg has done a great deal for me, allowing me to teach somewhere else," Ms. Driver said. "Muhlenberg generates a great deal . . . Seeds grow here. This is a fertile place."

An exhibit highlighting HARRY is being featured in the Muhlenberg Center for the Arts until Nov. 10.

Oplinger continues C&F series on St. Francis with lecture on man's ecological exploitation

by Susan M. Hennessy

Continuing with the Saint Francis of Assisi series on Wednesday the thirteenth of October, Coffee and Fellowship presented a lecture with the unique mixture of ecological concern and a saint. This lecture, given by Dr. Carl S. Oplinger, a professor of Biology and a 1958 B.S. alumnus here at Muhlenberg, who holds a M.S. degree from Lehigh and a Ph.D. from Cornell, was entitled "Saint Francis—Patron Saint of the Subversive Science."

Dr. Oplinger discussed the desperate and perhaps futile attempt of ecologists to stop man's exploitation of nature. Author Lynn White, Jr., stated in 1957 that St. Francis should be the patron saint of ecology because of his concerns for all life, whether human or not. "Christians," pondered Dr. Oplinger, "have an exclusive concern for humans based on the first chapter of Genesis in the Bible which states that man was created in God's image to rule over all of creation." Clearly, because God wanted no pagan worship, man felt free to vandalize the very nature which had supported his existence thus far.

In Greco-Roman religions mythology provided the key to creation. Nature was worshipped as various deities far superior to man's mere fragile mortalness. Other religions such as that of the American Indian thought that nature demanded and indeed deserved respect, and they gave just tribute to it.

Natural theologians believe that God speaks to man in decoded physical symbols, and they study His spirit in nature. By this method, they hope to indeed "think God's thoughts after Him." According to Dr. Oplinger more scientific progress will only serve to worsen the ecological crisis of the earth. If man would respect nature more and destroy it less, perhaps the damage he has done will begin to recede. Renee Dubois, author of the book *God Within*, says that humans are more destructive now because there are more of them with better means of destruction.

Old, powerful civilizations such as Mesopotamia are now poor because of the over development of land causing the depletion of vital minerals in the soil into deserts. Attica seven centuries before Christ was "the skin of a body wasted by disease." This ecological mismanagement occurred quite frequently in the eastern civilizations near arid zones. On the other hand, Japan and certain areas of Western Europe still have usable land due to their constant rainfall.

In the second chapter of Genesis man is a steward or caretaker in the Garden of Eden. Saint Francis was very aware and felt a deep respon-

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CCSA approves constitution of new club; MAPA to educate students on foreign policy

by Suzanne V. Ziegler

A new student organization, the Muhlenberg Alliance for Progressive Action (MAPA), was approved by the College Committee on Student Affairs this semester. MAPA, whose constitution was approved by the Student Council last spring, has been formed in an effort to acquaint students with important issues in United States' public policy.

According to Dr. Robert C. Sorensen, faculty advisor to the group, MAPA emerged last semester out of a petition-drive against American involvement in Central America.

The idea for the petition originated with Yone McNally, a former Muhlenberg student, and Frank Klink, now one of the executive council officers of MAPA. Klink said that he felt the situation in El Salvador warranted action because "a lot of people were upset, including I." Each student talked about the idea independently with Dr. Sorensen, which resulted in the collaboration of about five students to write a petition.

The petition stated concern with American foreign policy in Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador and was available to the college community for approximately two weeks, along with articles from the New York Times giving information about the situation.

Over 900 signatures were obtained, recalled Sorensen, which is over half of the college community. The petition was then sent to thirteen pertinent leaders in American politics, including President Reagan and Representative Don Ritter. However, only three replies were received. To those involved, the poor response was a "substantial disappointment and frustration in the workings of American politics," said Sorensen.

The petition drive and its poor results in part spurred those involved to organize a formal group to discuss, evaluate and draw conclusions about important government policies. It is the hope of the organization that it will also stimulate awareness on campus, Sorensen noted.

Frank Klink was elected to write the constitution for MAPA, which makes provisions for a three-person steering committee to head the group's activities. In addition to Klink, Suzanna Ellefsen and Fred Weidmann serve in this capacity.

The constitution of MAPA outlines its purpose as providing an "organizational structure dedicated to those . . . possessing a critical perspective of present policy in the United States," and providing "the Muhlenberg College Community with

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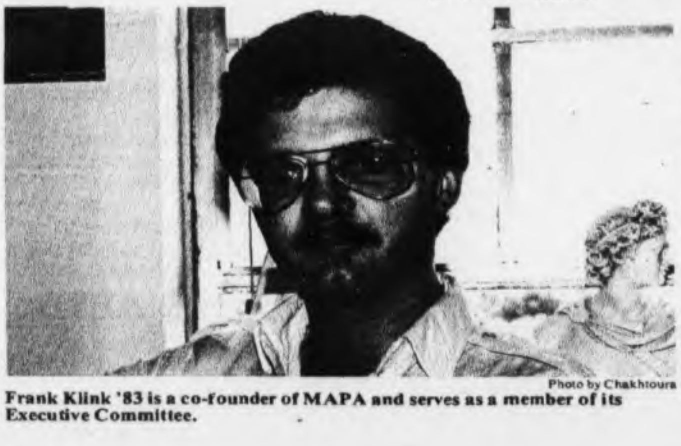

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Frank Klink '83 is a co-founder of MAPA and serves as a member of its Executive Committee.

Reformation Service

by Bill Sachau

October 31 is an important date on the Protestant religious calendar in that it marks the anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther was the leader of the Reformation. His German Mass will be celebrated in Egner Memorial Chapel on Sunday, October 31, at 11:00 A.M. to commemorate this major Protestant religious event.

The service to be held in the chapel will be conducted in English instead of German for simplicity's sake. Dr. Roger Timm, assistant chaplain, commented that the main purpose for holding this service is to "let the people experience what Luther suggested as a reformer of the Church."

The format of the mass will be followed exactly as Luther designed it. Dr. Timm also said that the structure of the service is different from most Protestant services in that much of the service is chanted. The bread and wine during Communion will be served at separate times since Luther felt this was more in keeping with Biblical practice. Musical selections from the Reformation period will also be performed during the service.

WEEKLY Life!

"Life is the art of drawing without an eraser."
- John W. Gardener

Merrily We Roll Along
takes audiences backwards through a life in the arts

By Briana Boche
Life Writer

When *Merrily We Roll Along*, the wistful 1981 musical by Stephen Sondheim, opens this weekend at the College, it will take audiences on a journey through time, as many musicals do. The difference is that *Merrily's* audiences will be journeying backwards, following a group of artists from the end of their long friendship, at the beginning off the show, to their first moments together, at the show's end.

"Rueful and nostalgic, the show explores the lure of show business and the price of success," says director James Peck, chair of the Theatre & Dance Department. Also, he says, "the importance of having a network of friends to remain grounded and connected to what matters."

"It's a cautionary tale about how not to screw up your life in the arts," Peck says. "It's inspiring and heartbreaking, and it contains some of Sondheim's most irresistible songs."

The second production in the Department's 2011-12 mainstage season, *Merrily We Roll Along* plays Oct. 28 through Nov. 6 in the Baker Center for the Arts. Because of Family Weekend, tickets will be scarce so buy them soon!.

Merrily features music and lyrics by Sondheim and a book by George Furth, Sondheim's collaborator on the earlier hit musical *Company*. The show's musical score received rave reviews and features the Broadway standards *Good Thing Going*, *Not a Day Goes By*, and *Our Time*.

The show tells the story of composer and film producer Franklin Shepard and his two closest friends, playwright Charley Kringas, Shepard's lifelong collaborator, and novelist Mary Flynn. The trio begin their careers full of idealism and ambition—and they find success, but not necessarily fulfillment. The play moves backwards through their personal and professional milestones—starting with a disastrous opening-night party for Shepard's uninspired new movie, and journeying back to a rooftop at dawn, at the start of a friendship and a career.

"The play is about being a middle-aged person, and the struggles of staying true to your vision," Peck says. "It's also about being a very young person, just starting out in the world, with a certain vision of yourself and of the kind of artist you'll turn out to be."

"I'm in one stage of that journey, and I remember the other," he says. "And my cast are still very much at the beginning of that journey, looking forward to their careers. And that's the heartbreak, in a way. Some young artists will of course go on to have splendid careers, and some will be disappointed, but certainly none will have exactly the careers they envision for themselves. That vision can be hard to let go of, and looking back, can be hard to come to terms with."

Choreographer Jeremy Arnold, a senior dance major at the college, says that the play resonates especially strongly for him as a young artist.

"It's very much about the choices we make in our lives," Arnold says. "And it's very applicable to where we are as students. I can identify with the characters as an artist about to start my career."

Felix Mayes '12, Brooke Benedetto '12, and Andrew Clark '12 smiling from ear to ear as they give one of their final performances.

Photo Courtesy of Scott Snyder

Senior Andrew Clark concurs. In his portrayal of Charley Kringas, he says he has found himself thinking about his own decisions, and wondering what effects they might have down the road.

Jeremy Mayes '12, Brooke Benedetto '12, and Andrew Clark '12 enthusiastically stride down the stage in *Merrily We Roll Along*.

Photo Courtesy of Scott Snyder

"Every decision we make resonates out like ripples in a pond," Clark says. "We are shown how things resonate with and affect others without our being aware of it. This show is very sad, but there is an inherent sense of hope in our production because, like our characters at the end, we're all so young."

Merrily's backwards-running structure is also reflected in its musical score, according to musical director Ken Butler. Shepard composes a musical theme early in his life that becomes the basis for several later compositions, and Butler says that sharp-eared patrons will hear that theme develop backwards as the play progresses.

"The glory of the reversal is when the audiences has those 'a-ha' moments," Butler says. "It's a process of excavation, and it's always a jolt."

One reason Sondheim's work has won such great acclaim is that the development of the characters and their relationships is what drives his plots forward. He takes his explorations of emotions and motives, of the human heart and mind, and expresses them through song. He infuses reality into the lives of his characters.

"Sondheim demands a lot of his performers," Clark says. "He is asking you to act and let the music work for itself. He goes beyond typical musical theater and asks us to be real people."

Senior Brooke Benedetto, who plays Mary Flynn, novelist, critic, and long-time friend of Franklin's, is excited to play such a complete and complex character, one that allows for self-discovery.

"After reading the script, I realized that Mary's a part of myself that I don't present in the real world," Benedetto says. "She's very straightforward and doesn't take crap. This is my first really grounded, rich, deep character."

Merrily We Roll Along runs Oct. 28 to Nov. 6. Opening-weekend performances are: Fri., Oct. 28 at 8 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 29 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sun., Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. The second week of performances are Wed. through Sat., Nov. 2-5 at 8 p.m.; and Sun., Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.

The Sun., Nov. 6 performance at 2 p.m. will feature Open Captioning for patrons who are deaf or hard of hearing and Audio Description for patrons with visual impairments. To purchase tickets for OC or AD services at the Nov. 6 performance, contact Jess Bien at boxoffice@muhlenberg.edu or 484-664-3087.

Campus tickets are $7. Public tickets are $20; patrons 17 and under, $8. Tickets and information: 484-664-3333 or muhlenberg.edu/theatre.

Mules at the market

Students from a Marketing Class helped to promote the Farmer's Market by giving away gifts cards, allowing discounts, and bringing friends to the event for'lunch! All who attended the event enjoyed their time and bought some greens for their room!

Phil Weisgold '12 enjoying the Farmer's Market.

Photo Courtesy of Amanda Cohen

Marketing students promoted the Farmer's market by offering a chance to win a gift card.

Photo Courtesy of Amanda Cohen

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People enjoying a stroll down the isle in the Farmer's Market .

Photo Courtesy of Amanda Cohen

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Muhlenberg students enjoying lunch at the Farmer's Market.

Photo Courtesy of Amanda Cohen

This Weekend on Campus

Thurs.,Oct. 27

1) Zumba from 12:10 p.m. to 12: 40 p.m. at the Life Sports Center.

2) Surfin' for Your Summer Internship from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Ettinger 105.

3) Field Hockey from 7:00 p.m - 8:30 p.m at Scotty Wood Stadium.

4) Indian Dance Performance from 7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m at Miller Forum.

Fri., Oct. 28

1) Class of 2012 Auction from 12:00 p.m- 8:00 p.m. at Seegers 108-110.

2) Career Choices: Planning Ahead for Life After Muhlenberg from 4:00

Sat.,Oct. 29

1) Football from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Scotty Wood Stadium.

2) Men's Soccer from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Varsity Field.

3) Women's Soccer from 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at Varsity Field.

4) Merrily We Roll Along from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Empie Theatre.

Sun., Oct. 29

1)Merrily We Roll Along from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Empie Theatre.

2) Zumba from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Life Sports Center.

Submit to Popped!

OH, JANE -- I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW SORRY I AM ABOUT ALL THIS!
Y-YOU MUST FEEL HORRIBLE!

Jane didn't submit to POPPED. Will you?

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Don't be like Jane. Submit!
Submission deadline is October 31st!
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The Panda Girl

Dear Panda Girl-

I've heard all about the freshman 15, and I thought it was just a silly myth. Then I went home for Fall Break and brought back some warmer clothes. They're tight on me now. Help!

-Freshie Fatty

Dear Freshie,

I refuse to call you Fatty, because you aren't!

The Freshman 15 is more like the Freshman 5, but it is still a very real possibility as we adjust to college lifestyles. There are several contributing factors to a little bit of weight gain in the first few months of college.

One is the change in diet. Our school tries very hard to provide us with nutritional and healthy meals, but the fact is that the food is different than what your metabolism is accustomed to. Then there is the choice of food. Have you been eating well-balanced meals? Getting the veggies you need? How about fruit? Try and have at least a little bit of each every time you go to the dining hall. You'd be surprised how much better you'll feel getting some of the vitamins you may be missing. What else are you taking in? Do you find yourself munching at night? Is your room full of empty chip bags and candy bar wrappers? Are you drinking a lot of soda, or *other* drinks? Sodas are full of sugar, which your body burns more easily than fat. Remember that alcohol is full of empty calories, not to mention a dehydrator and a depressant, which can cause your body to do some crazy things.

There are several emotional factors that could be playing a part as well. College involves a great deal of changes, both good and bad. These can do some weird things to your stress levels, even if you aren't conscious of it. Storing more fat is a protection reaction from your body to the changes in environment.

You could also just be reaching the end of puberty. Yup, at 18, your body settles into your adult stage, and the simple fact is that adults have some more fat than children. Try and find a scale and compare the numbers. You may not actually be any heavier, but the weight has been redistributed into different areas than when you bought those clothes.

Whatever the factor, it may be time to change your lifestyle a bit. Be conscientious of your intake and diet. I'm not saying you should starve yourself; I'm suggesting eating well-rounded meals that include every food group. That and a little exercise will do you wonders. Take advantage of our great gym facilities on campus. In the real world gym memberships are expensive! College can be a very sedentary lifestyle. Sit in class, sit in the library, sit and study, sit and write papers, sit and eat, sit and watch TV, sleep. Taking an hour a few nights a week to run on the elliptical will keep your heart healthy and your body moving.

Just remember you are NOT a fatty, you are simply experiencing one of the many changes that come with college life. If you take action now, you won't regret it later. Start some good habits now to avoid letting that Freshman 5 become the Sophomore 16 or the Jumbo Junior. Okay, I made those up, but you know what I'm getting at.

All my best,
The Panda Girl

Send your letters to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or via campus mail to Box 2072

MAC is changing!

Meet the lovely Vice President of MAC, Kate Burdick '14.

Photo Courtesy of www.Facebook.com

By Torie Paone
Executive Editor

MAC is developing a new image! With the help of Jon Landau, the current Student Body President, the Executive Board of MAC has revamped their mission statement.

They want to cultivate better programs, and in order to fulfill this goal they decided to create a new vision to guide them in this process. MAC specifically added elements to their new vision that coincided with the needs of the student body.

The revised mission reads, "The Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC) offers a variety of events to the College in response to student interest. These activities are designed to entertain, involve, and foster a sense of community."

Stay tuned to upcoming events hosted by MAC; they are sure to be a blast!

If you are looking to get more involved on campus, Join MAC! Meetings are held every Wed. at 5 p.m. in Trumbower 130.

Write for Life!

Are you interested in writing about events that occur on campus?

Do you enjoy writing about music, theatre, or the arts?

If interested, contact Marissa Schaktman @ ms238995@muhlenberg.edu

Another lockout, another exercise in stupidity

By Jeremy Fuchs
Sports Writer

I spent a lot of my summer complaining to friends about the inane banalities of the NFL lockout. I don't know about you, but I find it hard to appreciate a dispute between millionaires and billionaires over millions and billions. While I love money as much as the next guy, I think there's a point when you have enough. Owners have enough. Many of the players have enough.

Eventually, the NFL and its players came to their senses, realized how stupid the lockout was, and agreed to a deal. No fan wanted to miss any games. No fan cared about the complexities of the argument, no matter how valid they may have been. Fans just wanted football.

They got football alright. Fans have forgiven the owners and players for their transgressions and are watching football at record highs. Like I said, no one cares about why they're arguing. They just wanted football.

Now we can say the same for the NBA. The NBA is mired in a lockout dispute. I could care less about the details. But here's the jist: owners want more money. Players want more money. How they split the money that the league makes will decide when the lockout ends.

But who cares? Does Kobe Bryant need more money? Does James Dolan, owner of the Knicks, Rangers, Liberty, and Cablevision, need more money? I think they're both good. Yes, there are players who are struggling to stay in the league, bouncing between the D-League and the end of a NBA bench. But the current minimum salary for a first year player is just under half a million. So even if you play 10 games a year, your prorated salary will be $50,000, including benefits. For 10 games work, that's pretty good. Add in your D-League income, and you'll be fine. And that's just a first year player. The minimum salary goes up for each year you play in the league.

Athletes don't need more money. Yes, paying players $17 million a year is ludicrous, but it kind of makes sense with the amount of money one player generates for numerous businesses. Owners get into the game knowing they're going to have to reach deep into their pockets. They hope they'll make it back. They usually do.

The lockout could be used to restructure things in a positive way. I don't think the league needs 30 teams. No one really cares about the Charlotte Bobcats. This is a star-driven league. If you have fewer teams, the stars can be spread around a bit. The league won't miss some of those teams. Sorry Minnesota. Sorry Sacramento. Sorry Charlotte. Sorry Toronto. Sorry Milwaukee. We thank you for your (minimal) contributions to the league.

The lockout could also make it easier for teams to keep the stars they drafted. Give someone like LeBron James incentives to stay in Cleveland. There's no reason for Cleveland to suffer like they have.

However, the lockout won't be used to address those issues. It'll be used to address money. Because money, after all, rules all. At the end of this, whenever that is, maybe owners and players will make a little more money. But the consequence is that at least the first two weeks of the season have now been cancelled. More weeks are on the way. Countless stadium workers will be laid off, or have their hours drastically cut back. Even periphery businesses such as merchandise businesses and bars near stadiums will be hurt. The lockout doesn't just end games. It could end careers.

None of that matters to the millionaires and billionaires. They just want a bigger piece of the pie. And they'll most likely get it. But the fans are suffering. We want basketball. We want teams doing what they can to beat the Big 3. Personally, I want the Knicks to continue their resurgence.

But who knows if that will happen? And if it does, when will it happen? What if the season starts on New Year's? Or what if the season doesn't happen, and the league is forced to suffer the same way the NHL did? No one wants that.

I think a deal will be made eventually. Too much is on the line. The two sides will realize how much the game needs to be played for the fans sake and for the people who are actually affected by it. But until then, this is just another exercise in futility and stupidity.

When the games should be played and they aren't, we'll realize just how stupid this all is.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football
(4-3, 4-2 CC)
10/22 @ Juniata W 28-3

Men's Soccer
(9-4-1, 5-2 CC)
10/19 @ Montclair State L 2-1
10/22 @ Gettysburg W 2-1

Women's Soccer
(6-9-2, 3-5-1 CC)
10/19 @ Swarthmore L 2-1
10/22 @ Gettysburg L 1-0

Field Hockey
(4-11, 2-7 CC)
10/19 @ Swarthmore L 5-1
10/21 @ Gettysburg L 3-2
10/25 @ Moravian W 3-1

Volleyball
(6-17; 4-5 CC)
10/19 @ Swarthmore L 3-0
10/22 @ Gettysburg L 3-0

Two milestones and a comeback, but no win for Field Hockey

Courtesy of
Muhlenberg Athletics

Two players reached milestones, and the Muhlenberg field hockey team came back from a 2-0 deficit to tie, but Gettysburg put in a disputed late goal to pull out a 3-2 win.

Kayleigh Thies scored both Mule goals, becoming just the fifth freshman in team history (and the first in 20 years) to reach double figures, and senior Brittany DeAngelis broke the school record for defensive saves in a season.

The Bullets (7-7, 5-3) scored the first goal off a penalty corner 15:26 into the game and added a second one eight minutes later. The damage could have been worse if not for three defensive saves, one by senior Renee Norton and two by DeAngelis. The two stops by DeAngelis gave her 11 for the season, breaking the old mark of 10 set by Kate Moyer in 2006.

DeAngelis, who was already the program's career leader, added a third defensive save later. She entered the week ranked third in Division III in defensive saves.

Muhlenberg scored a big goal late in the half when Thies dribbled in solo from the top and beat the Gettysburg goalie from 10 yards out to make it a 2-1 game.

The Bullets threatened to extend their lead with about 23 minutes left in the second half, but junior Kristen Dornenburg came far out of the net to stop a breakaway, then made a diving save off a penalty corner moments later.

Despite being a player down due to a yellow card, the Mules (4-11, 2-7) kept on the attack and finally tied the score when Thies blasted in a shot off the last of three straight penalty corners with 7:09 to play. It was her 10th goal of the season, putting her in exclusive company. In the 53 years of Muhlenberg field hockey, the only other freshmen to net at least 10 goals were Linda Meiser (12 in 1986), Sue McClatchy (12 in 1969), Melissa Mills (11 in 1991) and Lynn Vogt (10 in 1964).

Just 47 seconds after the tying goal, however, Gettysburg broke the tie with a goal that was protested by the Mules. The referees allowed it, and the Bullets held on for the win.

Men's soccer overcomes late start, early deficit.

COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

Whepn it comes to putting in direct kicks, Nate Squire has been lights out this year. The junior midfielder scored in the 20th minute to break a 1-1 tie, and his goal stood up as the winner as the Muhlenberg men's soccer team posted an important 2-1 victory at Gettysburg in a game delayed 40 minutes at the start due to a power outage.

The result kept the Mules (9-4-1, 5-2) in a second-place tie, one point out of first place, with a week to go in the centennial Conference regular season. Johns Hopkins (5-1-1) beat Swarthmore (4-3) to retain its hold on first place, while Dickinson (5-2) remained in a tie with Muhlenberg by defeating Ursinus.

The teams were warming up for the game when the lights and music on Clark Field suddenly went out. After a few more minutes on the field under the setting sun, both squads returned to their locker rooms.

"We tried to stay as mobile as we could, but it was more just sitting around and wondering when we were going to play," said Squire. "That was definitely a first for me and I think for anyone else on our team. It was sort of an odd way to start the night."

The night ended on an odd note too. Gettysburg (6-7-1, 3-3-1) appeared to have scored the tying goal with 2:39 left, but the goal was disallowed by an offside call.

"I was pretty mad that we had let that happen, but I hadn't looked at the linesman yet," Squire said. "I saw our goalie and backs all looking over there, and they seemed pretty confident we would get the call. I said a few prayers of thanks for the call."

The ending was set up by a stretch of three goals in a span of less than eight minutes by two teams that came in tied for the CC lead in fewest goals allowed. The Bullets struck first at 11:25 on a header of an end line cross from the left side, but just 3:11 later junior Danny Way headed in Ryan Barlotta's long service to tie the score.

Squire's game-winner came on a free kick from just outside the corner of the penalty box, to the goalie's right, after a Gettysburg player was given a yellow card for a hard foul.

"We talked about doing one of the plays we've been working on in practice, but I thought it was in a good spot, so I said, let me go ahead and hit this, and it managed to go in," said Squire.

Although the scoring pace slowed, the intensity did not. Three more yellow cards were assessed, and with 7:47 left one of the Bullets was sent off after bringing Way down from behind on a breakaway.

Despite playing a man down, Gettysburg was able to put itself into position to tie, but scoring game-tying goals against Muhlenberg in the 88th minute is harder than it might appear. The game last Saturday night against Franklin & Marshall had a similar ending, with an apparent late tying goal disallowed by a foul call.

It might be a good omen for the Mules as they close in on a post-season berth. "Personally, I'd rather we just close it out," said Squire.

Senior Captain Spotlight

WOMEN'S SOCCER CAPTAIN

NICOLETTE MILLER

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1) Hometown: Wyomissing, PA

2) Major/Minors: Media and Communication major, Art Studio minor

3) Soccer position played: Striker

4) When did you start playing soccer? When I was about six years old

5) Favorite athletes? Lionel Messi, Landon Donovan, Fernando Torres

6) Favorite sports teams? FC, Barcelona Spain

7) Hobbies besides soccer: Track, hanging out with my team, spending time with the family, going to the beach

8) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Any favorite memories or valuable experiences with the team and/or coaches? Any favorite memories or valuable experiences with the team and/or coaches? This year especially has been the best group of girls I've ever played with. Win or lose, we are always here for each other. Freshman year, coming back late into the second half from 2-0 deficit to beat Kean 4-2. Beating Hopkins two years in a row. Making NCAAs sophomore year after winning 7 straight games to host Centennial Conference playoffs. Playing alongside my older brother on the guy's team for two years. Dinner at Coach's, Queen of the Court/Head Games, Barbados.

9) Post-graduate plans or ideas? Possibly graduate school, hopefully something in Sports Media

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Muhlenberg football back to .500

By Eric Dolber
Sports Writer

This past Saturday the Mules defeated Juniata College by a score of 28-3 to get back to .500 (4-3 and 4-2 in the conference). To start off the game, the Mules received the ball and they would not regret it. Senior Centerback Chase Nadell ran the opening kickoff 74 yards to the Eagle's 6-yard line.

Two plays later, Junior Running Back Terrence Dandridge ran the ball in for a 2-yard score and gave the Mules a 7-0 lead just 52 seconds into the game. However, in the second quarter, the Eagles would score on a Mules' miscue. The Mules turned the ball over and the Eagles turned it into three points on its first drive in the second quarter.

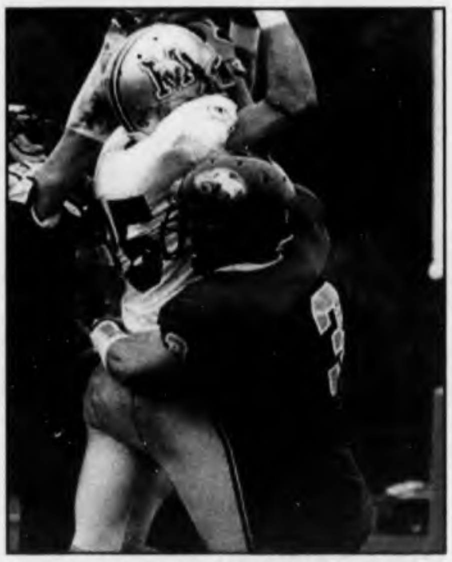
With 2:22 in the first half, the Mules' offense took control of the game. Sophomore Quarterback Joe Carlucci was lined up and Junior Quarterback Dan Deighan was lined up as a slot receiver. Deighan broke to the middle of the field and Carlucci connected with him on an 80-yard touchdown pass.

Muhlenberg's defense made a huge statement to start the second half. They picked off Juniata on their first two offensive drives in the second half. On their third drive, Senior Defensive End Victor Taiwo forced a fumble, and this was the Eagles first and last time in Mules territory. Carlucci connected with Junior Wide Receiver Marcus Toomey on a 38-yard pass to the Eagles 18 and Junior Running Back JT Merklinger scored on two carries to pick up the 18 yards. The score was stood as 21-3 Muhlenberg.

On the Mules ensuing drive, they went 83 yards in nine plays and Carlucci connected with Deighan on a 12-yard touchdown pass. Carlucci finished his day by throwing for 181 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore Cornerback Richard Reid picked off Juniata on their last offensive drive, and the Mules offense would run out the clock.

Muhlenberg's defense would tighten up in the second half, only allowing 89 yards, 15 rushing yards, four first downs, and four forced turnovers. Senior Linebacker Patrick McDonough led the Mules defense with 14 tackles and two sacks. Deighan caught three passes for 113 yards and rushed for 55 yards as the Mules offense surpassed the 400-yard mark for the first time since last September.

The Mules are finally home for Parents Weekend as they take on Dickinson. They are hoping to build on this key conference victory.



Junior Wide Receiver Mike Toomey caught six passes for 96 yards.
Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

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Sat. 10/28 Seahawk Invitational @ St. Marys Md.
vs. Wesley @ 5:00
vs. Bridgewater 7:00
Sat. 10/29 Seahawk Invitational Cont.
vs. Lynchburg 1:00
vs. City College of N.Y. 3:00

Women's Soccer
(6-9-2, 3-5-1 CC)
Wed. 10/26 vs. Ursinus 7:00

Want to write for Sports? Come join our team!

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October snow storm blankets the Campus during Family Weekend

By Kate Roe
News Writer

As Family Weekend approached, students doubted the weather forecast that called for snow on Sat., Oct. 29. However, when they woke up that morning to welcome their families and friends, the snow had already begun to fall.

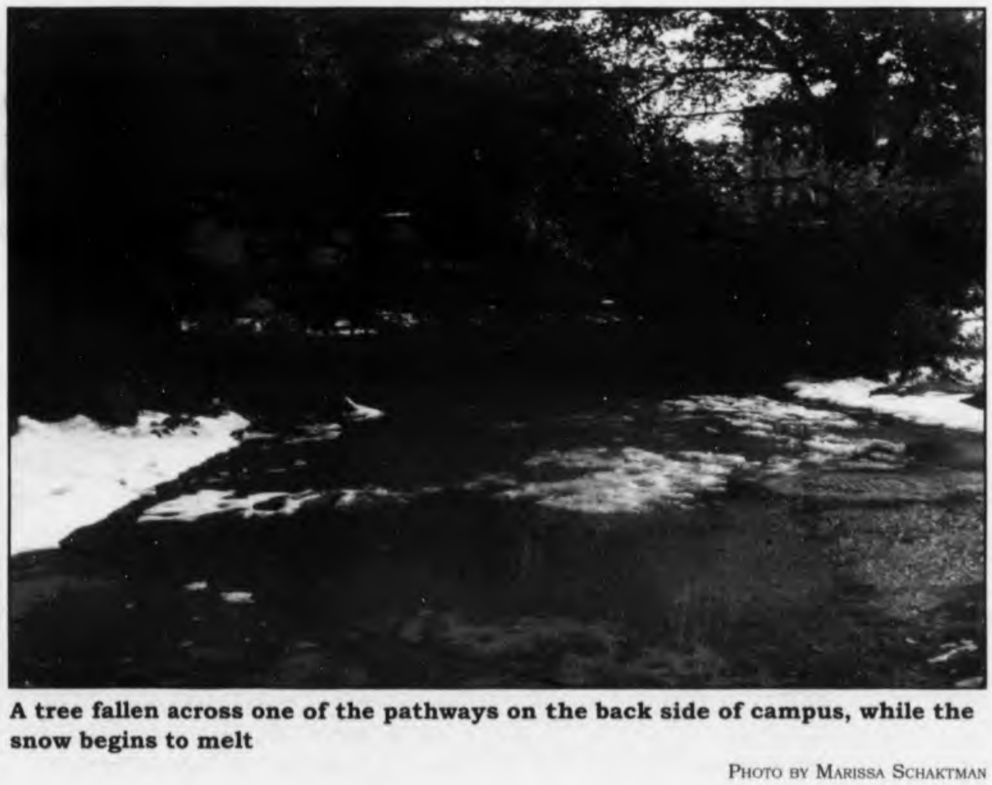
Both the men's and women's soccer games had to be postponed due to the inclement weather, but the snow seemed to feed the football team's spirit as they won the game against Dickinson. Students and their families also cuddled into the Empie Theatre to watch *Merrily We Roll Along* and forget about the cold.

Branches lie on top of melting snow on the Brown lawn

Photo by Marissa Schaktman

The heavy snow, combined with the weight of the leaves, became too much for trees to handle. Many large branches broke all over campus, sometimes wiping out power lines. Campus Safety utilized the emergency text and email service to remind students to be careful of fallen branches and wires.

As the snow worsened, many of the houses on Liberty Street lost power. As of Sunday night, some power still had not been restored. Approximately 100,000 houses throughout Allentown lost power over the weekend, and on Sunday night about 77,000 houses were still without power across the Lehigh Valley. About 145 students in Hillcrest House and MILE Housing were affected by the outage, in addition to off-campus houses such as PKT and SPE. Seegers Union was opened as a temporary shelter for students to bring sleeping bags and have access to warm water and electricity. The Ettinger computer lab, the computer kiosks in Moyer, and the Life Sports Center were also made available for students without power.



A tree fallen across one of the pathways on the back side of campus, while the snow begins to melt

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PPL worked very hard to restore power to the Lehigh Valley, which received the brunt of the storm. The fair weather on Sunday allowed for an easier clean up which was expected to continue until Wednesday. Power was restored to most of Chew Street, including the Hillel House, by Sunday night.

Fortunately, the snow was not enough to stop the students of Muhlenberg and their families from having a great weekend. The snow globes that were available last Friday night will be a great reminder of the eventful weekend, and the other activities, everything from chocolate dipping to sand art, were also a big hit.

Families visiting students in the Light Lounge and full tables in the dining hall were a common sight, as snowball fights on the snow-covered grounds.

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What to look for in a Student Body President

On Mon. Nov. 7, the College will hold Student Body presidential elections in Seegers Union. The candidates running for president are Rebecca Romano '14 and Adam Neufeld '13. Before going out to vote, it is important to consider the qualities that each candidate has to offer. Here are some things that you should consider before choosing a candidate:

1. Ensure that the candidate is a leader and will be able to be assertive in a large group.
2. Look at all of the extracurricular activities in which the candidate participates and make sure that the candidate will have enough time to devote to the position.
3. Analyze the experience of the candidate to decide whether or not the candidate is qualified for the position.
4. Do not choose a candidate solely because you believe they are popular.
5. Take a look at the candidates' platforms and make sure you agree with the majority of the one you choose.
6. Try your best not to base your decision on the personality of the candidate.
7. Determine if you think that the candidate will represent a majority of the views on campus to make sure everyone has a voice.
8. Try your best not to be persuaded by what you hear other people saying and make a decision based on your own views.
9. Make sure that you consider only the facts.
10. Decide who you think will best carry out the initiatives that will best benefit the campus as a whole.

Take these factors into consideration and make an informed decision about who you think will be the best candidate for president. Remember to vote and try to get as much of the student body to do the same as possible. Good luck to the candidates!

The joy of acting

By Joshua Clement
Op/ed Writer

This summer I worked at a marketing company as a production assistant. It was my job to help produce television commercials and to do any filing work that they had been putting off because no one wanted to do it. Some boss wants all of the thousands of radio commercials produced in the past ordered and catalogued in an online database? Sounds like a job for Josh. It wasn't all bad, though. One time I got assigned to pick out ten potential candidates for a weight loss commercial. This meant that I had to search through a few websites and look through several hundred headshots and such, but the kicker was that they wanted swimsuit models. So I basically spent my afternoon looking at swimsuit models. Outside of the awesome experience of actually seeing the creation of a television commercial from start to finish, I got to see the unfortunate side of this business: running auditions.

First of all, there is an interesting trait that appears with theater peoples' resumes. When the resume gets to the part concerning "skills," theater people seem to have a different view of what qualifies as a "skill" than in the real world. One actor decided that he would list every single sport that he could think of and list them as skills; we had a debate in the office over whether or not we should bring him in to really see if he could play cricket and handball, as well as mud wrestle. Some other classic so-called skills were-and I'm not making this up-bird calling, spelunking, and identifying types of mosquitoes. Other than needing to brush up on the genotypes of insects, there are a few other problems for theater students.

I can't imagine going through the audition process: you walk in, do your piece, then walk out and see ten other people that look just like you trying out for the same role. It's even worse on the other end. After two hours of auditions, everyone starts to seem the same; the same lines are being read over and over and you start to think the people in the beginning were the best because they were the original ones in your memory. On the flip side, you think the people at the end were also better because you were happy that it was almost over. If you come in for an audition around lunchtime, you are basically screwed because everyone either wants to go to lunch and doesn't care, or is in a food coma after eating lunch and wants you to stop talking.

It's not just the people running the auditions that get tired of you; it's the head honchos upstairs too. There may be a clear winner in terms of talent, someone who really pops in the

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This 'N' That: How I grieved for my grandpa

By Ryan Lee
Asst. Op/ed Editor

I've talked about my grandpa more in a day than most people talk about their whole family in a given year. This is a source of misunderstanding for a fair amount of my friends and family. They wonder why I feel the need to relate everything in my life to this third party whom most of my friends have never never even met. Well, I'm going to try my best to explain it. It all has to do with how I deal with grief.

When most people lose loved ones, they publicly show their grief for a certain amount of time, and then they restrict themselves to grieving internally for the duration of the grieving process—at least, in most of the situations I've witnessed in my life. This was never an option for me. I've never been good at internalizing my emotions, and all of my friends would attest to this. I say what's on my mind, for better or for worse. My grandpa's death was preceded by two long months of intense pain and many tribulations. It took me for a spin, but I remained stalwart through it all. With his tracheotomy tube in his neck, he could not speak and did not have enough energy to stay awake for longer than a few moments at a time. He had had a large portion of his lung removed; the surgery did not go as planned, to say the least. For months, my mom and I went to the hospital every day—an hour both ways—to visit him and to make sure that the nurses and doctors were taking proper care of him. My mom additionally served as a translator between him and the rest of the world: as a speech pathologist, she is an expert at reading lips.

Then one day, on the way home from school, Mom told me that the breathing tube had been removed that morning. His heart was still beating, even eight or nine hours later, but his brain was dead. I was incoherent, had no idea what was going on. I was in shock. When she asked me if I wanted to go to the hospital, I said no. I wanted to remember him as he had been, not as he was. So I declined.

At the funeral I read a story I had written a month earlier. It was a collection of short anecdotes about him, the ones I found most amusing and most demonstrative of his larger-than-life persona. The mourners showered accolades on me for the rest of the day, and it made me very proud. But then, back to the real world.

So many photos. So many letters. The dining room table. The lamps. The bed. The paintings on the wall. They all spoke to me in that voice, made gravelly from fifty-seven years of smoking. They were all parts of him. And I had to save them, at whatever cost. For my mom or uncle to throw anything in his house away, they had to pry it out of my hands. I felt an emotional connection to everything he had ever touched. If there was a piece of paper with his writing on it, I had to have it. It didn't matter what it was.

Now, one might think that I would have gotten past this phase quickly. Think again. For more than a year, I had photos of my grandma and grandpa scattered across my bedroom floor. Somehow, they made me feel closer to him. It was like an altar at which I worshipped the memory of my best friend—and that was just what he was for sixteen years, my *best friend*. I never had a lot of friends, since for so many years, people thought I was just too strange to bother associating with. I was too annoying, too irritating. or as I believe, it was only the fact that they were not mature enough to accept and appreciate that my brain worked differently. He was a friend to me for so many years. He more than made up for my lack of a social connection to people my own age. Without him, I know that being an only child would have been much more difficult to handle. He was, quite frankly, like a brother to me. It was like the ideal, completely unrealistic sibling relationship—where both siblings love and respect each other implicitly. In that respect, at least, I was never really an only child.

And now, it's three years since he died. Three years, and I've never stopped memorializing him. I do have that tendency to memorialize a loss and obsess over it for a long, long time. It helps me to cope with a loss, by literally plunging myself into the depths of the deceased person's life. I don't know why that is—it's somewhat counterintuitive—but that's just how I am. I'm crying just as much this week as I was the day he died. Every year, around this time, I relive those events surrounding his death. I can become very maudlin around this time as well. I only hope that my friends can put up with my hysterical tears in the middle of conversations, because I honestly can't help it. I'm very different from most people my age—and most guys in general. I tend to be very open with my emotions in public. I don't have any problem crying around lots of people. It doesn't faze me one bit. Whether that is a result of tremendous self-confidence or a result of my blissful ignorance of those around me, I don't know.

To all the readers: I apologize for my rambling. I know that some of the paragraphs above are not exactly coherent and don't always follow a strict mechanical structure, but it is my wish that some of you can garner something from my experiences. I want you all to know that expressions of grief are normal and should not be hidden. Don't ever be ashamed of tears. Don't ever be ashamed of the way you deal with your grief, even if it betrays the societal expectations of what you "should" feel. It's taken a while for me to come to terms with my grandpa's death—and I doubt if the feelings will ever completely disappear. One thing is for certain: his

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Is everyone a narcissist?

By Evan Kasakove
Co-News Editor

To pose the question, "Is everyone a narcissist?", requires inward reflection on my own faults, self-defeating behaviors, and greatest shames and insecurities. I don't want to write about that, I doubt anyone wants to read about it (good thing I write for an obscure college newspaper), and I don't even want to think about it. This type of thinking forces you to retreat deep inside yourself and stop the greatest lie of all: the lie to yourself.

I don't know exactly what a narcissist is, but probably neither does someone with a PhD. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Four lists criteria, of which you must show at least five to qualify for Narcissistic Personality Disorder. They are: grandiose sense of self-importance; preoccupation with fantasies of unlimited success, power, brilliance, beauty, or ideal love; belief that he or she is "special" and unique and can only be understood by, or should associate with, other special or high-status people (or institutions), need for excessive admiration: sense of entitlement; taking advantage of others to achieve his or her own ends; lack of empathy; envy of others or belief that others are envious of him or her; arrogant, haughty behavior or attitudes.

OK, self-importance, check; preoccupation with unlimited success, brilliance, ideal love; check; special and unique, check… Wait a second, was this written about me? I am honestly trying to see where I meet or don't meet the criteria but the problem is that, if I am a narcissist, how can I penetrate the self-defense mechanisms that embody narcissism, i.e. the tendency to repress, deny, or distort anything that affects your self-image negatively. When a narcissist looks at other people, he doesn't see them for what they really are (or who they are trying to be) but what they are in terms of himself. Everyone makes small judgements like this each day: "Eww, she wore that, she's weird." Of course, she just defines weird as what she and her social circle are not, but when it becomes, "Why do you always ignore me?" you see being ignored as explicitly about you even though the more likely explanation is that another event in someone's life occurred entirely independent of you. Hard to think that it has nothing to do with you and this is just the beginning.

So am I narcissist (self-defense mechanisms aside)? Yes and no. I certainly demonstrate some narcissistic tendencies. Mainly I view the world from a narrow lens shaped by my experiences and personal beliefs and habits. For better or for worse, I see everything objectively and cynically-or what I define as objective and cynical. But enough about me. The fact that I can admit to my narcissism is just one more reason why you are a bigger narcissist than me (and you don't even know you're a narcissist).

When I say I show narcissistic tendencies or refer to other people as narcissists, I am not referring specifically to Narcissistic Personality Disorder (I'm not a psychiatrist), just to the prevailing social phenomenon that is narcissism. (I read about it in *Science* or made it up.) I say it is a prevailing social phenomenon because I think then everyone, to a certain extent, suffers from it.

One of narcissism's many elements is identity. People construct an identity, something that others will see based on who they want to be or who they think they should be. When you wake up and get dressed in the morning and look in the mirror, what you see is what everyone else sees. Except for the voice in your head that tells you how ugly or beautiful you look. You may say you don't care about what others think, but your not caring still manifests itself as a personal construction, and with it comes judgment from others.

We construct identities to protect ourselves from failure, because if we try and play the good-looking and popular role and fail, it's not you that failed but your character that failed. Your self-worth is still intact and you can go back to working on your character. I don't mean to say that people are fake (at least not everyone),but that people aren't necessarily true to themselves because they, for whatever reason want to be someone else. Does trying to be a certain person make you fake? Yes and no. Do you do it because you want to be someone your parents want you to be, or someone you saw in a movie, or do you just want to be a better person? The narcissism comes from the need to show your self-importance by creating an identity or person who will be admired by others, whoever that person may be.

Narcissism today is evident in so many other ways. For example, when you think of other people, i.e. your friends, boyfriend or girlfriend, as instruments for your own pleasure, not as people with happiness independent of your own wants (of course you care about what she thinks, as long as it in no way conflicts with what you really want). Or when you blame the government or Wall Street executives for your lack of success, and your various other problems. Can you pinpoint what you don't like about Obama or is he just a red herring for why you hate yourself? I could continue, but more important than identifying narcissism is the solution to narcissism.

Again I'm not a psychiatrist, and I don't have a prescription pad, but a simple remedy is honesty. This type of honesty with yourself is not something I recommend based on personal achievement, but on a daily personal struggle with it. Being honest with yourself is hard, if not impossible, because it requires the kind of introspection where you have no protection from the cold, unassuming truth. You have to take the good with the bad, even if it's mostly bad. You won't find yourself on an island, but as just another person in relation to everyone else.

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mark is on me forever; a part of him will always be a part of me. The part of him that resides inside of me is, I believe, the part of me that my friends find so unique. It is why they call me "Grandpa" sometimes. It is because of that piece. It was always his wish that I make friends my own age, and I am very proud to say that I have achieved that wish. I try to be the best friend I possibly can be to all of my friends now. They have taken his place in my life. They are the ones who now give my life meaning and worth and value. But my life would not have been where it is today without the loving presence of my grandpa, Ivan Harris Saveth (1928-2008). He is where it all began.

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audition, but then the company we represent says that they don't have the right look for their product. In the end, it's so random that it is sad. I personally don't have too much pity; as an English major with a double minor in Sociology and Philosophy, I'm looking forward to my career as a janitor. My mother will be so proud. But I have seen the harsh reality of the future theater world. It is not filled with the glamorous Hollywood and Broadway roles that you have envisioned. You may not even envision that-maybe you are resigned to working small town plays, earning your keep through your skills as a method actor, dancer, and singer. Unless you are really, really good looking (practice Blue Steel for maximum effect) or get absolutely lucky, you might end up on the other end of the camera from a summer intern like me, reciting your lines as one of hundreds auditioning for the same part, all lining up to have fifteen seconds in a commercial selling cream to remove your varicose veins. Good luck.

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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 24 – Larceny/Theft – At Hillel/ Sociology/Anthropology, there was a report of theft of a bird feeder. There are no suspects at this time. The bird feeder was later found and returned to the owner.

Oct. 24 – Larceny/Theft – In the New Science Building, lobby, there was a report of theft of a microscope from a display case. Allentown Police Department was notified. Housekeeping was notified to clean the glass. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 24 – Found Property – At Delta Zeta, there was a report of a found ring. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The ring was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 24 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Oct. 24 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At Phi Kappa Tau, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to work being done in the area creating dust. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 24 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2208 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 25 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 25 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of vandalism. Spray painted graffiti was found on an exterior wall. A work order was submitted to Plant Operations to clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 25 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Martin Luther Hall, basement, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to work being done in the area. Plant Operations responded and replaced the detector. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 25 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On the Prosser drive, there was a report of a truck pipe hitting an overhang. The individual was identified. There was no further incident.

Oct. 25 – Larceny/Theft – In Parent's Plaza, there was a report of theft of a banner. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 25 – Found Property – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 26 – Unlawful Entry (No Force) – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of theft of a laptop. There are no suspects at this time. Information Technology was advised of the theft.

Oct. 26 – Harassment – In Martin Luther Hall, there was a report of harassment. Letters of no contact were issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 27 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a lost laptop. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 27 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found ring. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The ring was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 27 – Found Property – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of a found bank card. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The card was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 27 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost camera.

Oct. 27 – Robbery (Strong Arm/Hands, Feet, Etc) – Off campus, there was a report of a robbery. The individuals took a cell phone. Allentown Police Department responded. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 27 – Found Property – In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a found iPod. The owner was notified and will pick up the item. The iPod was placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 28 – Found Property – In Moyer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found change purse and reading glasses. The owner of the purse was notified and retrieved the item. The glasses were placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 28 – Institutional Vandalism – On campus, there was a report of graffiti. Plant Operations was notified to clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 28 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found pair of earrings. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The earrings were placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 29 – Disruptive Conduct – On Gordon St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. The residents were identified and spoken to. The house was cleared. The College will issue a Disruptive Conduct Report. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 29 – Disorderly Conduct – In the Center for the Arts west parking lots, there was a report of disorderly conduct. Students were arguing. The individuals were identified and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Oct. 29 – Grounds Problem – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a tree branch falling onto a vehicle causing damage to the roof. The owner was identified.

Oct. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 29 – Grounds Problem – At Phi Kappa Tau, there was a report of a tree branch falling onto a vehicle causing damage to a rear view mirror and the windshield. The owner was notified and responded to the scene.

Oct. 29 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Open containers of beer and liquor were found in the room. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 29 – Disruptive Conduct – Off campus, there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. The residents were identified and spoken to. Disruptive Conduct Reports will be issued by both the City of Allentown and Muhlenberg College.

Oct. 30 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department, Allentown EMS, and Muhlenberg College EMS were notified. The Health Center was notified. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS. The student was cited by Allentown Police Department for Underage Consumption.

Oct. 30 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individuals were identified. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 30 – Disorderly Conduct – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of a disturbance and argument. The individuals were identified and spoken to. Residential Services were notified.

Oct. 30 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – In Seegers Union, there was a report of vandalism to a paper towel holder. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 30 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. The residents were identified and spoken to and the house was cleared. There was no further incident.

Oct. 30 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2251 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. Plant Operations responded and silenced the system. There was no further incident.

Oct. 30 – Grounds Problem – At 325 N. 23rd St. (Hoffman House), there was a report of damage to vehicles caused by fallen tree branches. The owners of the vehicles were notified.

Oct. 30 – Larceny/Theft – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of theft of a purse and jacket. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 30 – Check the Welfare/Locate – At Phi Kappa Tau, there was a report of a sick student. Health Services was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 30 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, there was a report of theft of money. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

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Thanksgiving Break

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on November 22nd at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on November 27th at 10:00 a.m.

(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with **written** permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a $25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays, including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, November 14th. **Late requests will be subject to a $25.00 fine.** If you have any questions please call Residential Services at x3180.

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Van Eerde discusses Luther's contemporaries

By Deborah Talbot

Coffee and Fellowship presented Dr. Katherine Van Eerde's discussion of "Luther and his contemporaries" on October 19. The professor of history focused on John Eck, Thomas Muntzer and Erasmus, all of whom were contemporaries of Martin Luther but who did not follow his doctrines. Van Eerde also supplemented her lecture with slides of woodcuttings which depicted not only Luther and contemporaries' lives but also the religious temperament of sixteenth century Europe.

Eck was the first of the contemporaries Van Eerde discussed. Eck criticized Luther's 95 theses and also debated with Luther at the 1519 debate. Eck believed firmly in papal supremacy and even up to 1541 he was still anti-Lutheran. Also at this time Luther was working on a translation of the Latin Bible into a German text. He found a refuge at Wartburg castle, of which Van Eerde showed a slide. At Wartburg he was able to write and translate religious documents. Other slides presented were "The Bull against Luther" with students throwing papal papers on a fire and another "On the Freedom of the Christian Man" which dealt with the ideas of the Diet of Worms and public peace.

Muntzer was discussed after Eck. Muntzer was a friend and follower of Luther at the beginning of Luther's career. When Luther's ideas began to destroy cloisters, general anarchy began to pervade Germany. Because of this Muntzer was later beheaded.

Van Eerde also presented a brief synopsis of Luther's marriage to Katharine von Bora in 1525. This marriage was considered one of the most successful unions at the time. Wood cuttings were shown of Luther and his bride made around the time of their marriage.

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Dr. Katherine Van Eerde

Erasmus the Compromiser was discussed lastly. Luther and Erasmus exchanged letters, but Erasmus wanted to remain apart from Luther. He tried to remain neutral to both sides, and he died a Roman Catholic hoping for a unified Christian Church.

After presenting the three contemporaries Van Eerde showed slides of "cartoons" of the time. They were either pro-Catholic or pro-Reformation. There "cartoons" such as "Luther as a Seven-Headed Monster" were designed so that the illiterate could understand the religious issues of the time.

Core Curriculum continues revisions

By Donna Wright

The word is out: Core Curriculum is back in action. Or, more precisely, Core Curriculum is continuing action.

In response to last year's curriculum proposal, the history department drew up a new proposal during the spring and summer. A revision of this "core course" has been presented to the Core Curriculum Implementation Committee. They will eventually design a program that faculty will vote upon. These steps will lead to significant changes in courses at Muhlenberg.

Many people must agree upon this program in order for it to be implemented. However, Dean of the College Dr. Harold Stenger exhibited his confidence in the proposal. He said, "Our curriculum has served us well, but the time has come to do something with it. You will see some extensive changes coming about."

The advocates of the new core course are aiming toward a curriculum that clearly specifies requirements and states the purpose of the more specified requirement. This is an attempt to avoid students' taking courses with limited understanding of why the course is required. For example, instead of being required to complete any four math or science courses, the requirement will be to complete two specific types of math and computer science courses and two specific types of science courses selected from designated categories.

Courses will be restructured within majors, although major requirements will not necessarily be restructured. The academic departments are being asked to notice general problems in the majority of students, and address them in their major courses.

This is to say that the deficiency of writing and speaking skills would not be solved by adding more speech and English courses, but by integrating these principles and applying them to their fields. Science majors will write scientific papers and business majors will write business reports. All majors will engage in seminars and discussion sessions.

The integrative principle is a crucial one in the development of the new core course. It is the attempt to pull together learning experiences. Instead of multiplying the number of courses each student has to take, often for unknown purposes, it will allow varied learning experiences to occur in courses already required.

Weekly photo

Dr. Harold Stenger

Other restructuring changes that may be put into effect are the change in freshman and senior course loads from five to four. Seniors will have more time to devote to their required major capstone seminar and other important concerns (i.e., employment, graduate school).

Stenger expressed his hope that the new curriculum could be implemented with next year's incoming class. New courses for upperclassmen would evolve as a result of the new principles.

There is still great opposition to the new core course on campus. However, it seems that changes are in the midst of happening and reasons for wanting the change will prevail. Stenger referred to the present curriculum and said, "You can only expand a curriculum so far before it becomes ineffective."

'America the poisoned': toxic waste and the EPA's response

By Ethan Blumen

(Second of a two-part series)

Fact: The Congressional Office of Technology Assessment has estimated that 275 million metric tons of toxic waste is produced in America yearly.

Fact: 90 percent of this waste is disposed improperly in landfills, were it seeps into streams and water tables, contaminating the environment.

Ten years ago, most Americans were completely unaware of the hazards of toxic waste dumping. Then, in the summer of 1978, Love Canal captured the nation's attention. Information about the dangers of something called toxic waste began to flood the media.

Why is there a toxic waste problem? What has the government and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) done to combat the problem? Does industry have any alternatives to the dumping of toxic wastes? How does toxic waste contamination affect us, the air we breathe, the water we drink? What can we do about it?

Lewis Regenstein, wildlife lobbyist and author of the book *America the Poisoned,* touched upon these questions during his presentation "America the Poisoned," the second lecture in the "Health Issues in the 80's" series sponsored by the Convocations Committee.

In the last few years water has become one of this country's most endangered natural resources. The seepage of toxic wastes from landfills into watersheds and ground water only compounds the problem. In a 1980 statement, the Assistant Administrator of the EPA for water described the "ruinous contamination" of groundwater as "the environmental horror story of the 80's."

Regenstein noted that groundwater provides half the drinking water for the American people. "Once it becomes contaminated," he said, "it may remain contaminated for hundreds, even thousands of years. If you think the gasoline crisis and the energy shortage were bad, wait until we start running out of clean water."

Regenstein cited human shortsightedness, economics, the ineffectiveness of the EPA and the lack of government incentives for industry as the major causes of the toxic waste crisis in America.

"The EPA's policies," said Regenstein, "have been to weaken and cripple, not enforce, the laws and regulations which are on the books." He also noted that the majority of people appointed to run various agencies and departments in the EPA came from the same industries responsible for the pollution."

When the appointment books of former EPA director Rita Lavelle were examined by Congress, it was discovered that nearly every day she was having lunch with a different chemical company executive. "Instead of taking these polluters to court," said Regenstein, "she was taking them to lunch."

After Love Canal, the EPA banned the disposal of liquid wastes in barrels and landfills. Then, in 1982, the EPA lifted this ban for a four week period. "The polluters had a field day," said Regenstein. "They were all poised and ready to go." Such inconsistent, contradictory and often self-defeating EPA policy has been at the center of the recent Congressional investigation.

The disposal of toxic industrial wastes is not an insurmountable problem. The detoxification of industrial wastes is widely practiced in Denmark. Ironically, the technology for the detoxification process was developed in America.

Regenstein said that most companies balk at detoxification when they compare the cost of detoxifying with the cost of untreated dumping. It is 60 times more expensive to treat wastes chemically than it is to dump them. But while dumping seems to cost less, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment estimates that cleaning up the dump sites and compensating the victims will be 10 to 100 times more expensive for industry than processing the chemicals and disposing of them properly.

Regenstein proposes that a change in the tax structure be made to encourage the chemical industry to detoxify wastes. The new tax structure would place a tax on the manufacture, sale and use of deadly chemicals. It would also provide funds for the cleanup of waste sites.

Recent Harris Polls indicate that an overwhelming majority of Americans supports an increase in environmental protection. Eighty-five to ninety-four percent of those polled also want strict enforcement of the clean air and water acts. Most of the major health and environmental protection laws are now up for congressional re-authorization. "Administration and industry are out to cripple them," said Regenstein. "If people don't speak out, they are going to succeed."

Regenstein closed his presentation by urging the audience to take a few moments to write their senators and representatives in Washington.

"What is at stake," he said, "is the survival of our planet. It's a small planet, but it's the only one we've got. It's really all we've got."

WEEKLY Life!

> "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. "
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> - Ralph Waldo Emerson

The brothers of Delta Tau Delta volunteer at the last game of the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley

By Stephano Fuchs
Life Writer

On Oct 15 Muhlenberg's Theta Chi chapter of Delta Tau Delta attended Fowler Field's last game of the season. This baseball game consisted of batters and fieldsman, pitchers and cheering fans, as well as a well-stocked snack station. Fowler Field has a familiar sports speaker system, as well as an excited announcer. The field is equipped with a lighting system for evening games, and the season runs through the summer into the early fall. The environment makes you feel as though you are at a AAA baseball game. But you are not.

Fowler Field, in Heidelberg, PA, is home to the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley. According to their website, Miracle League is "dedicated to providing children with special needs and other developmental disabilities an opportunity to play baseball".

The Miracle League field is outfitted with special rubber turf to accommodate wheel chairs and small falls. Along the foul lines are stadium seats mostly filled with family and friends of the players. Baseballs have been replaced by softer, and more bouncy rubber balls.

Along with the physical differences between a traditional baseball game and a Miracle League game, rules have also been modified in order to accommodate the players' needs. The Miracle League players get a hit every time they come to bat.

The pitcher is an adult volunteer who plays the whole game and softly under-hands balls from just short of the drawn-out pitcher's mound. Instead of having the field filled with just nine players, Miracle League fills the outfield with as many players as want to participate.

Matt Levy, President of Muhlenberg's chapter of DTD, paired with his special buddy for the day.

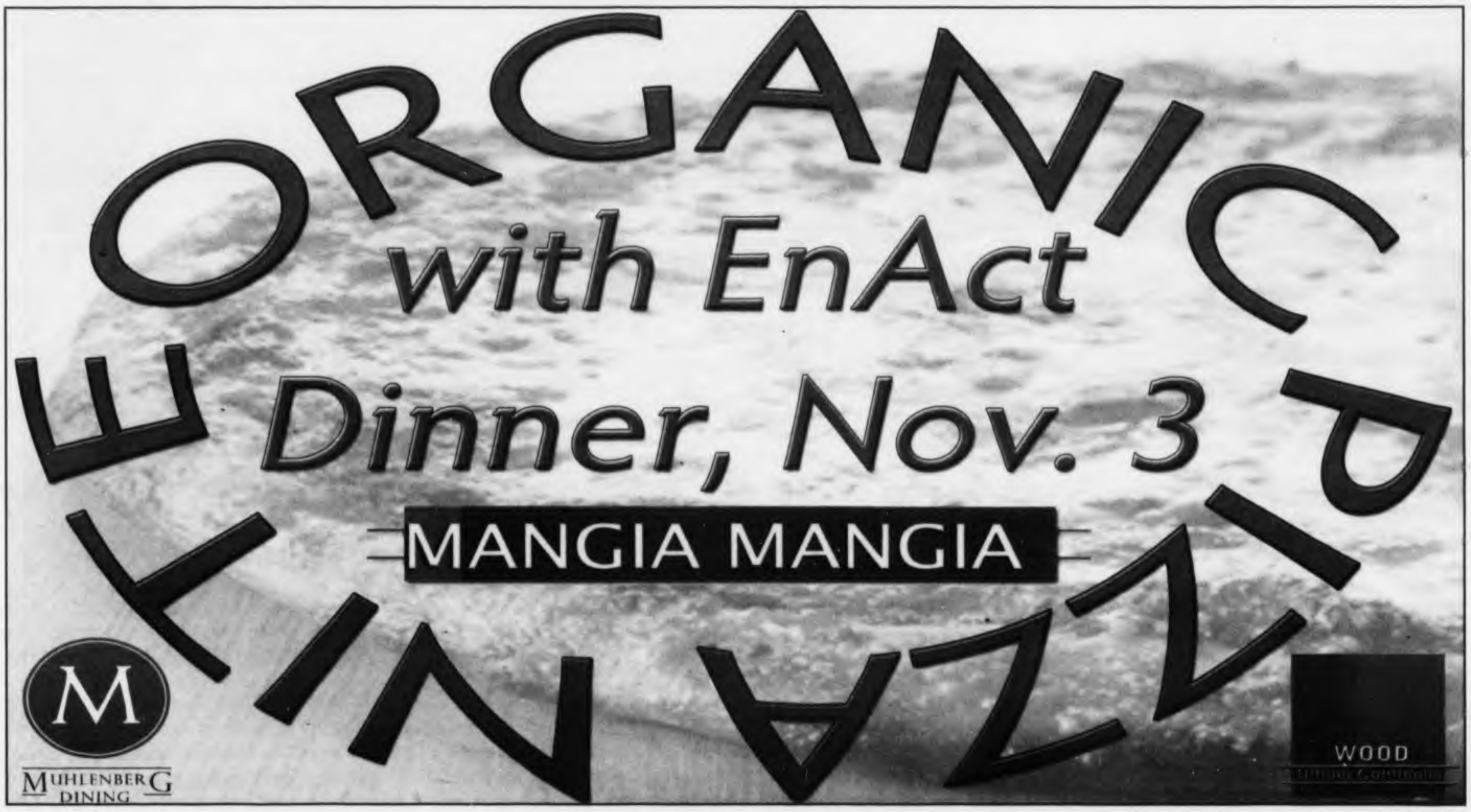
Photo Courtesy of Stephano Fuchs

These players are all accompanied by volunteer buddies who help them play. This assistance is necessary in order to make things run smoothly, and also gives the players an opportunity to create new relationships with their volunteer buddies.

As volunteers for the last game of the Miracle League season, the brothers of Delta Tau Delta were each paired with a player. Some ran the bases with the players. Others tossed balls around in the outfield, both with the kids and their parents.

Matt Levy, president of Delta Tau Delta's Theta Chi chapter, described his experience, "It was such a joy to see the smiles we brought to both the kids and their parents. This community so deserves the happiness this opportunity brings and it felt good to help out."

Miracle League fills a need that is often overlooked. Their website states that their purpose is "to serve a growing population of children with special needs. Through the efforts of a dedicated board and a caring community, children with disabilities will be able to participate in a baseball league of their own." Miracle League, which originally started in 2006, after beating the expected cost for construction by 50%, hosts summer season games as well as other opportunities for the players. Halloween events were scheduled to take place Oct 20th, but the date was adjusted due to inclement weather. Information about Miracle League, as well as their planned schedule of events, can be found online at www.miracleleaguelv.org.



Experience, diligence, connectedness: Vote Adam Neufeld for Student Body President

By Adam Neufeld
Life Writer

Neufeld is a man with a plan to be Student Body President

Photo Courtesy of www.Facebook.com

One of the best decisions I ever made at Muhlenberg College was getting involved on campus as early as I could. I was lucky enough to be a part of Student Government, Class Council, and several committees on campus, so I was exposed to students, faculty, and staff that I would have never met otherwise. The people and projects along the way have in many ways shaped my experience here at Muhlenberg and I wouldn't trade them for anything.

I have always been curious about how things work and get done, and how to extend that to the college. would extend to Muhlenberg. I became passionate about wanting to make this school the best I could imagine it to be.

At first overly ambitious, impatient, and too narrow-minded, as Freshman Class President I learned that I would have to grow more as an adult, and that I needed to become a better listener, and be more patient and realistic if I was going to make the real, positive, sustainable changes on this campus that the student body wanted. My time in Class Council was a reality check ,and I learned that my passion and skills were best put towards Student Government.

Having served as Student Body Treasurer my sophomore year, I was able to meet with and form close relationships with many members of clubs and organizations on campus. I was never hesitant to work with any treasurer who needed help or had questions because I enjoyed working with them.

Having served on the Seegers Union Student Advisory Board (SUSAB) and the 2009 Dining Selection Committee with the President's Staff, I was able to advocate for what students desired from their college dinning experience. Besides the improved dining experience, some of our other successes included more student space for clubs and organizations with the use of the new Event Space. Also, after my freshman year I began working with Sodexo, and have been a liaison to student dining ever since. With my current position as a Student Board Director, I have represented Muhlenberg Dining's voice on a national stage.

Over my time here at Muhlenberg, I've learned that leadership is about compromising, about placing the goals of students first, doing what is best for the community, and having fun and a few laughs along the way. If I were elected Student Body President, I would like to work on issues that relate to sustainability, common hour, safety on campus, and general academic requirements. .

Safety: In addition to advocating for a late-night shuttle, I will work to implement more blue light call boxes on campus, create better-lit areas around campus, and educate students about safer routes to maneuver around campus at late-night hours.

Sustainability: I will advocate reusable dining containers, using the Dining Commons washing system to wash Nalgene bottles and other reusable containers, providing more educational communication around campus, and consider purchasing digital signage as a means to try and limit paper waste

Common Hour: It's a great idea, but I will assess student feedback to consider moving Common Hour to outside of a peak meal period to improve the student experience in the Wood Dinning Commons, while still taking advantage of all that Common Hour has to offer.

General Academic Requirements (GAR): Using my strong relationship with Provost Ramsay and the faculty, I will continue advocating for changes to GAR over the next few years upon the arrival of the next curriculum review period.

It's also my intent to be more directly involved with clubs on campus; meeting with them on a semi-regular basis to hear their concerns and help them achieve their goals to the best of my ability. It's important to the culture and community of the College that we have strong, well-funded clubs and organizations. Their presence on campus is a pivotal part of the college experience.

Previous and Current Campus Involvement:

Student Government: 3 years of experience (Student Body Treasurer and Class Representative), attending all ASGA conferences

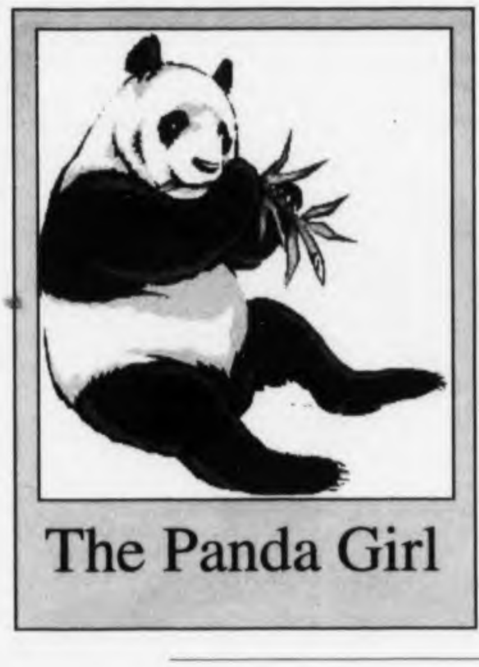
Class Council: 2 years of experience (Class President)

Committees: 2009 Dining Selection Committee with the President's Staff, Seegers Union Student Advisory Board (SUSAB), Greening Committee, Finance Committee (Student Government)

Sodexo: Student Board of Directors, Student Promotions Coordinator

Hillel Summer Development Intern, Cardinal Key Society, Student Advisor, RRNOLA

Ask the Panda Girl: *The Weekly*'s advice column



Dear Panda Girl,

I have been dating someone for a little more than a year, and we mostly get along. The one thing that is not working is she likes to have long talks on Skype, usually very late into the night. When I get sleepy and tell her I'm going to bed, either she gets upset, ignores me and continues talking, or tries to guilt me into staying up later to talk. I hate it. I have tried talking about it with her, but she doesn't seem to get it. How can I get it across that I'd like to go to bed without a fight?

– Sleepless Sophomore

Dear Sleepless-

I take it if you are talking on Skype frequently, you two are in a long-distance relationship? Distance can be a real strain for sure. Try setting a precise time. Tell her when your bedtime is and stick to it. Tell her at the very start of conversation what time you need to leave, and stick to it like a life-saving doctor's appointment. Tell her, "I've got to go to bed at 11," and maybe give her a reminder warning at 5 or 10 minutes beforehand. Then, at the time, say good night, and hang up, don't let her suck you into a long goodbye or into a new topic. Try not to be harsh, but stick to your guns. She may get upset, but be sure to tell her that you need your sleep in order to do your work properly and be able to devote your time together fully to her. A good relationship is about compromise. Maybe set aside Skype date nights where you can stay up late with her, like on a Friday night or something. She may get mad, may ignore your warning, or may try and guilt you, but stick to the facts: you need your sleep, you gave her a time limit, and you love her.

All my best,
The Panda Girl

Mules at the Market

By Frankie Mayer and Meghan Butler
Life Writers

On Thurs, Oct 20, our management group had its first of two Mules at the Market events.

The goal of Mules at the Market is to build a stronger relationship between the Allentown Farmers Market and the students of Muhlenberg College. It seems from our first event of the semester that at least 150 Muhlenberg students were at the Market on Oct 20, and 30 of them for the first time. Many students came to the Market during common hour to avoid the Campus Restaurant rush, and others also came to have their dinner.

The Allentown Farmers Market offers a variety of food, and everyone was able to find something to enjoy.

We would like to encourage everyone to continue to frequent the Allentown Farmers Market and explore what it has to offer. If you still haven't experienced the Market or loved the first Mules at the Market event, don't forget that there is another one!

The next Mules at the Market event will take place on Thurs, Nov 17. Transportation will be provided during common hour, 12:30-2:00, and during dinner time, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The bus will depart from in front of the CA. While at the Market, please remember to take our survey and enter your name into a raffle to win a gift certificate to the Market!

Becca's got your back for Student Body President!

By Rebecca Romano
Life Writer

Entering the arena as a sophomore, Rebecca will put up a fight you can be sure.

Photo Courtesy of Rebecca Romano

My name is Rebecca Romano, I am a member of the Class of 2014, and I want to be your next Student Body President.

Q: Why do I want to be your next Student Body President?

A: I am running for Student Body President to serve you, the student body, in each and every way that I possibly can to ensure that your Muhlenberg experience is the absolute best it can be. I have a genuine interest in and passion for this great campus that we call home, and it is my priority to make it even better.

Q: Why am I qualified?

A: I am qualified to be your next Student Body President for two key reasons. First, I am currently one of seven representatives for the Class of 2014 who sit on Student Government. Next, I spent the majority of my summer here at Muhlenberg College shadowing our current Student Body President, Jonathan Landau. During the summer I helped seek your feedback about what you wanted to see changed at Muhlenberg, and I spent the rest of my time working on the initiatives that you proposed.

Q: What do I want to accomplish, if elected?

A: If elected, there are several things that I want to accomplish, which have the potential to benefit all Muhlenberg students. They are: Increase outreach to all student clubs and organizations on campus. One initiative that has been recently started under the Student Life Committee of Student Government is outreach to all Muhlenberg clubs and organizations.

If elected, I would continue this plan as well as improve upon it. Under this plan, representatives from student government actively seek feedback from clubs and organizations on a regular basis via surveys and by attending the meetings of the clubs they represent. It is then the representatives' job to report this feedback to Student Government so that the requests of all clubs and organizations are fulfilled. Make it easier for all student clubs and organizations to obtain funding. It is important for all student clubs and organizations on campus to receive funding for the programs that they want to run. Recently, edits to the official Finance Manual have been approved. It is crucial for clubs and organizations to be informed of these changes in order for them to get the funding they desire. In order to raise awareness about these changes and to make communication between the heads of clubs and Student Government easier, I want to hold a forum where these changes can be highlighted so that there are no miscommunications between Student Government and the clubs they fund, thereby giving all organizations a maximum opportunity to be allocated the money they need. Better communication means more funding and more funding means higher quality events, such as concerts and productions, for the entire student body to participate in and enjoy. Drastically increase the involvement of Student Government with the student body.

I want to make sure all Muhlenberg students become informed and stay informed of what we at Student Government are working towards. One thing I consistently hear from students is that they have no idea about what Student Government actually does, and I would not be surprised to hear that you feel the same way. It is for this reason that it is one of my priorities to improve the transparency of Student Government, so that you know exactly what we have accomplished and exactly which initiatives we are currently working on, in order to make your college experience an even better one.

In order to bridge this gap, I would want to hold a minimum of two publicized, open general Student Government meetings per semester for anyone on campus to attend. The purpose of these forums would be to encourage students to give their opinions about anything going on around campus, what they would like to see changed, and for them to help propose ways to bring about said change. As a result, all students will be included in the initiatives that Student Government undertakes and they will be represented better than ever before.

I genuinely want to make your Muhlenberg experience the best it can be.

Write For Life!

Are you interested in critiquing movies or restaurants?

Do you attend campus events and desire to write about them?

If, so contact the Life Editor:

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This Weekend on Campus

Thur., Nov. 3
1) Common Hour: Reading group-FCT Humanities Seminar from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm at SGU 111 and SGU 112

2) Challah for Hunger from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Hillel

3) *Merrily We Roll* Along from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm at Empie Theater

Fri., Nov. 4
1) Bill McDowell: Ashes in the Night Sky from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Martin Art Gallery

2) Muses Coffee House/Open Mic from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Seegers Union lounge

3) Comedian Myk Kaplan from 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm at Seegers Union Event Space

4) *Merrily We Roll Along* from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm at Empie Theater

Sat. Nov. 5
1) Traveling Exhibition: "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965" from 8:00 am to 9:00 am at Trexler Library

2) Collegium Musicum Concert from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Egner Memorial Chapel

3) *Merrily We Roll Along* from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm at Empie Theater

4) *Crazy, Stupid Love* movie viewing from 10:00 pm to 12:30 am at the Red Door

Sun. Nov. 6
1) Traveling Exhibition: "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965" from 8:00 am to 9:00 am at Trexler Library

Suck for Luck?

By Jeremy Fuchs
Sports Writer

The Miami Dolphins and the Indianapolis Colts share one other thing besides being mammals: they permeate the nucleus of the underbelly of the NFL, losing in spectacularly awful fashion, their incompetence only overshadowed by the fact that owners are paying these guys millions of dollars to be awful on a level not seen in recent years. These hapless, winless teams have nothing of consequence to help them this year. But what about next year?

According to some, he's more powerful than a locomotive. He's faster than a speeding bullet. He can leap buildings in a single bound. Is it a bird? No. Is it a plane? No. Is it Superman?

Superman, in this case at least, happens to be Andrew Luck. The 6'-4" 235-pound rocket-armed Junior is Stanford's Quarterback and is widely assumed to be the number-one pick in the 2012 draft. He is also called, by some, the best quarterback prospect to come out in decades.

Is he that good? After watching him I can say yes. He combines the arm strength of Jay Cutler, the accuracy of Peyton Manning, and the running ability of Aaron Rodgers (who, after Michael Vick and Cam Newton, is the best running quarterback in football). He makes the players around him better. He wins games. He's a leader. He's taken Stanford, a program that had been moribund for years, and transformed it into a perennial contender.

Luck is so good, in fact, that some are saying that the losers of the NFL should tank games to secure their place in line for Luck's services. The Dolphins and Colts should, in essence, suck for Luck.

Should they do that? Should Miami become so bad that they are assured a savior? Should Indianapolis lose games that they otherwise could have won so that Luck finds his way into a Colts uniform?

No. The idea that proud professional athletes would become so bad for the second-coming is laughable, if not insulting. Yes, these teams are awful, and the players on them, at least individually, are not much better. But there is a certain dignity in putting on an NFL uniform, a certain decorum and gravitas that comes with lacing up the cleats on an NFL field. These are a select few. They are not to assume that this privilege is a given.

Nor are they to assume that their professional lives will be saved by Mr. Luck. Yes, Luck is a great college player, and possesses the necessary tools to become an elite NFL player, perhaps even a transcendent player. But life, just like luck itself, is uncertain. We can't assume Luck will be what we think he is. We don't know what injuries may hit him. We don't know if he will be able to live up to the hype. We just don't know.

We can't let NFL players tank games. We can't condone it. As a fan of these woeful teams, it might make sense. Getting Luck will, theoretically, improve their chances for that almighty trophy. But we can't, as fans of the sport, let players throw pride out the window. Once that goes away, all we have is a oblong pigskin sputtering on a frozen 100 yard tundra.

Players on both the Colts and Dolphins will say that they won't suck for Luck. Fans will hate them. But the players are right. Sucking for Luck is amoral. Becoming awful to get what you want is not a respectful way to get something. The football gods will punish those who purposefully tarnish the game with their indifference.

Andrew Luck may save the Colts or Dolphins from purgatory. He may raise them to heights unknown or he may be awful. We don't know. But we can't let these teams "Suck for Luck" no matter how awful they may be. It ruins the game. It tarnishes the legacy. It's an insult to the players who understand their place in history as one of the few who are lucky enough to call the NFL their profession.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football
(5-3,5-2 CC)
10/29 vs. Dickinson W 12-0

Men's Soccer
(9-5-1, 5-3 CC)
10/26 @ Dickinson L 1-0
10/31 @ Urinsus W 3-1

Cross Country
10/29 CC Championships @ Dickinson
Women 4th
Men 6th

Field Hockey
(5-12, 2-8 CC)
10/28 vs. Ursinus L 2-1

Volleyball
(10-18, 5-5 CC)
10/26 vs. Ursinus W 3-1
Seahawk Invitational @ St. Mary's MD.
10/28 vs. Wesley W 3-1
vs. Bridgewater W 3-1
10/29 vs. Lynchburg L 3-0
vs. City College of N.Y. W 3-0

Halloween treat for seniors: Men's soccer qualifies for playoffs

Courtesy of
Muhlenberg Athletics

Their Senior Day may have been moved by Saturday's snowstorm, but the seniors on the Muhlenberg men's soccer team made sure their final regular-season game would be a memorable one.

Senior Tim Leischner found classmate Josh Luginbuhl in the 32nd minute, and the Mules added a pair penalty kicks in the second half, including one from senior Steve Giannacio, for a 3-1 win at Ursinus in a game that was moved from Muhlenberg because Varsity Field is still under snow.

The victory, coupled with Haverford's win over Swarthmore, clinched Muhlenberg the third seed in the Centennial Conference playoffs and a semifinal matchup against Dickinson on Friday at Johns Hopkins. The Mules have qualified for the conference tournament all 11 years since its inception.

It also gave the Mules (10-5-1, 6-3) double-digit wins for the fifth straight season, and Leischner said he is very proud to uphold both of those strong traditions.

"Muhlenberg has always been a winning program, so to be able to get back to the playoffs is a good feeling," he said. "We really needed this game today, so it felt good to come out and play well."

Leischner wasted little time playing well. Less than a minute after entering the game, he made a run down the left sideline, stopped to create some space from the defender and sent a cross into the box. Near the penalty spot, Luginbuhl leaped in the air and sent a header into the upper left corner to put the Mules up by one."We haven't had too many senior connections this year, so it was cool to get one in a game we needed to win," Luginbuhl said. "I hadn't scored in awhile, so I felt like I was due. Tim played a perfect ball, which made my job easy."

A little more than five minutes into the second half, the Bears (3-12-3, 2-6-1) had a good chance at the equalizer, but sophomore Jas Chojnowski made a leaping save to stop a shot just before it snuck under the crossbar. Ten minutes later, sophomore Jeremy Katz was pulled down from behind in the box. Junior Nate Squire buried the ensuing penalty kick to stretch the lead to two in the 62nd minute.

The Mules added their final tally when Giannacio converted his penalty kick after sophomore Chris Royer was pushed in the box on a free kick in the 72nd minute.

Ursinus finally found the back of the net with a little more than five minutes to play, but it was too little, too late. Muhlenberg outshot the Bears 18-10, including a 9-4 advantage in shots on goal.

And while he said he was disappointed he didn't have a chance to go through the normal festivities that come with Senior Day, Luginbuhl said he would much rather have a trip to the playoffs. Add in a berth in the semifinals, and he said he could not have asked for a better regular-season finale.

"This was a really big game; we needed this," Luginbuhl said. "We came out and took care of business when we needed to most. It was a good win, and I'm glad we got a win on what was supposed to be our Senior Day."

Cross country gallops through snow at CC Championships

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

The Centennial Conference cross country championships were held at Big Spring High School, but a more appropriate name for the venue would have been Big Winter.

Snowy conditions made the course challenging to say the least, but it did not stop the Muhlenberg women from reaching their goal. The Mules came in fourth, matching the best finish in program history.

The Muhlenberg men were sixth for the second year in a row.

The women, who last finished fourth in 2004, improved their standing at the CC meet for the third straight year. They were led by junior Samantha Mayden, whose sixth-place finish earned her All-CC honors. She is only the fourth Mule female to finish in the single digits, and the first since 2005.

Muhlenberg finished well behind Johns Hopkins, Haverford and Dickinson, the top three teams in the region, but held off Gettysburg by 10 points for fourth place. Mayden beat the Bullets' top runner by 14 places, and after that everyone else in the Mules' top five was within three scoring places of her Gettysburg counterpart.

Junior Erica Bash was Muhlenberg's No. 2 runner, placing 29th – up from 60th last year and 86th as a freshman. Sophomore Nicki Cronin (33rd) and seniors Melissa Ugelow (41st) and Kimberlee Yalango (50th) rounded out the team's top five.

The Muhlenberg men's team had five underclassmen in its top seven. Freshman Kieran Newcomb was the Mules' top runner in 34th, four places ahead of senior William Lowrey. Newcomb is the first freshman since 1994 to be the Mules' top runner at the CC Championships.

Centennial Conference

The Lady Mules keep their stamina, even in the snow.

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Senior Captain Spotlight

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY CAPTAIN

BRITTANY DeANGELIS

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Youngentoub

1) Hometown: Robbinsville, NJ

2) Major/Minors: Business Administration and Psychology double major

3) Field Hockey position played: Defense (back)

4) When did you start playing field hockey? I started playing in 5th grade with my twin sister, Courtney.

5) Favorite athletes? David Wright

6) Favorite sports teams? New York Mets

7) Hobbies besides field hockey: Besides field hockey, I enjoy reading trashy tabloids and listening to music.

8) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Our conference is extremely competitive and includes several teams that are consistently ranked in the top 20 in the country. Playing against such well-respected programs and talented players has always been very exciting.

9) Post-graduate plans or ideas? I want to pursue a career in marketing and event planning.

WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY CAPTAIN

JILLIAN KATZ

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Youngentoub

1) Hometown: Holmdel, New Jersey

2) Major/Minors: Business Administration Major with a double concentration in Marketing and Management.

3) Field Hockey position played: Forward - I have played Forward all four years of college.

4) When did you start playing field hockey? I started playing field hockey in 7th grade.

5) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Playing field hockey at Muhlenberg has been a wonderful experience. I have not only been part of an amazing team, but I am part of a loving family. I have been so fortunate to have played with such a great group of girls. We have been through a lot together - whether it was winning, losing, playing, RUNNING, laughing, or crying. They have all been great memories, and I wouldn't trade them for the world. 'Berg Hockey has made such a big impact on my life, and I have made fantastic lifelong friends along the way.

6) Post-graduate plans or ideas: My immediate plans for after I graduate are to find a job in the marketing field that will challenge me and help me gain experience to further my career. My dream is to eventually start up a business with my younger sister, Heather, that somehow involves us going back and forth to Italy :)

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Winter wonderland win

By Eric Dolber
Sports Writer

Mules fans thought it was December when they arrived at this past Saturday's 12-0 win over Dickinson. However, as we all know, it was not even Halloween yet.

Junior Quarterback Dan Deighan and Junior Running Back Terrence Dandridge both rushed for 100 yards. This was the first time a pair of Mules rushed for 100 yards since 2003.

The defense forced eight Dickinson fumbles as the Mules earned their eighth shutout in the past five seasons! With less than two minutes into the game and the Mules third play from scrimmage, Deighan gave the Mules a 6-0 lead with a 52-yard run touchdown.

However, three drives later, Deighan would be picked off by the Red Devils and drove the ball all the way to the Mules' 15. Senior Defensive End Kenneth Cobb would give the Mules' offense the ball back after hitting Dickinson's quarterback and stripping the ball loose. Senior Cornerback Chris Hartzell recovered the ball, which proved to be a pivotal moment in the game.

At halftime the score was 6-0 in favor of the Mules. To start the second half, the Mules defense forced Dickinson to punt and then Dandridge took over. He carried the ball 9 times for 75 yards (including a 34 yard run) and finally went to the house on a 1-yard run. This extended the lead to 12-0 with 5:53 left to play in the third quarter.

The Red Devils, however, would not give up without a fight! They stormed down the field and got all the way to the Mules' 15-yard line, but they turned the ball over on downs. Dickinson would not get any closer to the end zone and the Mules prevailed in a 12-0 victory.

The game ball goes to Dandridge and Deighan as they rushed for a combined 288 yards, the Mules' largest since 2008. Also credited for the victory is Senior Defensive Tackle Mark Mounayar who led the defense with seven tackles and a fumble recovery. There were only 30 total pass attempts and 102 rushes between 2 teams.

The Mules look to extend their winning streak as they venture off to Ursinus this Sat. at 1:00 p.m. This will be their last game before they play Moravian at home on Nov. 12 to wrap up the regular season.

Quarterback Dan Deighan '13 is now the first Mule to have a 100-yard game rushing, throwing and receiving in the same season.

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Fullback MJ Rus '12 wide open for a catch.

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Lisa Youngentob

Defensive Lineman Andrew Tullo '14 (left) and Defensive Tackle Mark Mounayar '12 (right) combined for three of Muhlenberg's six tackles for loss.

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UPCOMING GAMES

Football
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Sat. 11/5 @ Ursinus 1:00

Congrats to all other Muhlenberg team sports on finishing a spectacular fall season!
The winter sports season will be starting up soon!

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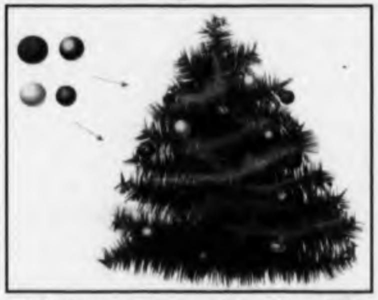

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Winner of 2011 Pulitzer Prize Jennifer Egan offers an exploration of recent novel, *A Visit From The Goon Squad*

By Jennifer Freed
News Editor

American novelist and short story writer Jennifer Egan enlightened the College's English fanatics on Wed., Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Miller Forum, Moyer Hall.

Jennifer Egan is the 2011 Pulitzer Prize winner in fiction for her novel *A Visit From the Goon Squad*. Egan was born in Chicago and raised in San Francisco. She is the author of *The Invisible Circus*, a novel which became a feature film, *Look at Me*, starring Cameron Diaz in 2001, and a finalist for the National Book Award in fiction in 2001. She also wrote *Emerald City and Other Stories* and, most recently, *The Keep*, which was a national bestseller.

Egan's short stories have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Harpers*, *Granta*, *McSweeney's* and other magazines. She is a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Fiction, and a Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Fellowship at the New York Public Library. Her non-fiction articles appear frequently in the *New York Times Magazine*.

Her 2002 cover story on homeless children received the Carroll Kowal Journalism Award, and her most recent article, "The Bipolar Kid", received a 2009 NAMI Outstanding Media Award for Science and Health Reporting from the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Pulitzer Prize winner Jennifer Egan

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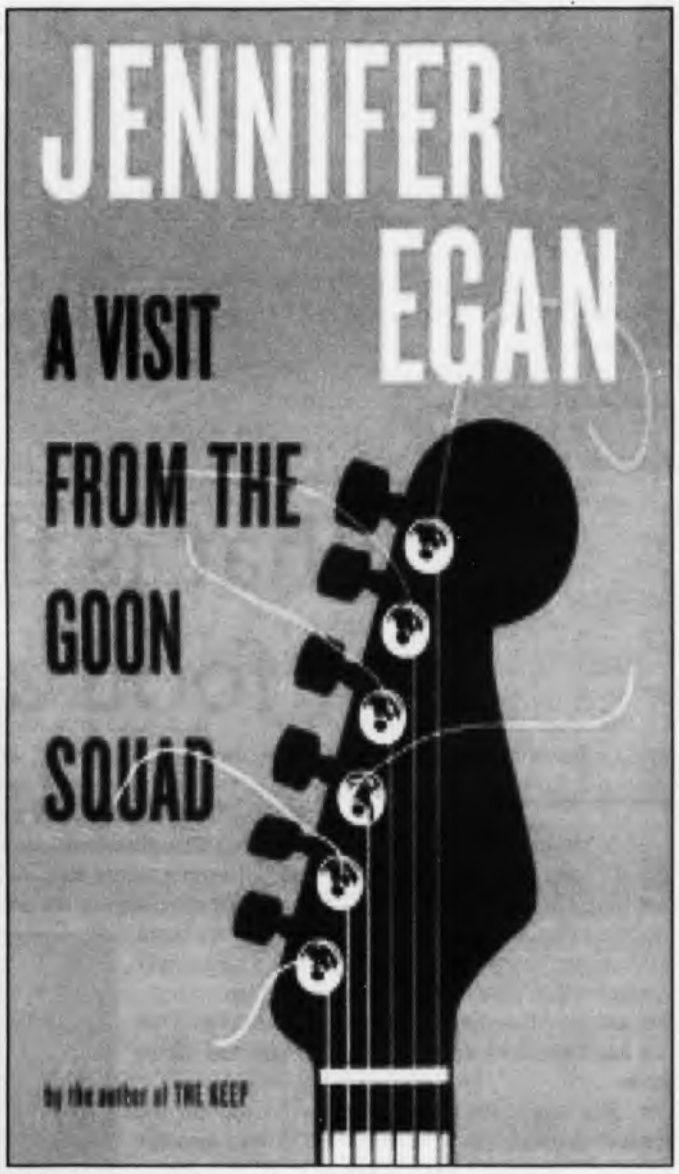

Egan's *A Visit From the Good Squad*

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Her most recent novel, *A Visit From the Goon Squad*, won the 2011 Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction, and the *LA Times* Book Prize. It is an eye-opening novel comprised of 13 narratives that revolve around the stories of Bennie Salazar, an aging record executive and former punk rocker, and Sasha, the troubled young woman he employs. The Pulitzer Prize judges have called the novel "an inventive investigation in growing up and growing old in the digital age." On top of all of her success, HBO is now adapting the novel into a television series.

The College's English Department sponsored this undeniably interesting event, and which was followed by an interactive discussion and a book signing, thrilling every English major in sight.

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Don't anger mother nature,

She will get you back

Has anyone been paying attention to the weather lately? Just two weekends ago, students were attempting to remove mounds of snow off of their car and were bundled up in their coats like Eskimos in igloos. A couple of days ago, students were enjoying the sun returning to the easy flip-flop and t-shirt style. If you are wondering what is coming next, don't. It seems useless to try and predict the weather. In the morning, you could be wearing jeans and a light sweater preparing for a brisk and bright day only to need to change into in rainboots and a raincoat in the afternoon. It is pretty clear that we live in swampland anyway, but sometimes it would be nice to know the proper attire to wear when leaving your dorm in order to avoid the "what do I wear during this hour game." Here are some helpful tips t help you out:

1. The most important item I suggest you carry on you at all times is an umbrella. You don't want to be "that person."

2. Going along with the rain theme, if you don't own a pair of rainboots by now... don't worry the mall is right down the road. Go ahead and buy yourself the complete rain package including a raincoat, rainboots, an umbrella, and a hat.

3. In case we have another awkward snowstorm or hurricane, I advise you to make friends so you have somewhere to stay when the power goes out. But seriously, if the power should go out and you are trapped in your dorm, make sure that you have a flashlight readily available. P.S. don't forget spare batteries.

4. In case you are in a situation where you are stuck in a dorm room for longer than two hours, you want to have important items to help you survive. For example, you will want to have food, not just Cali Burrito, but healthy snacks such as apples and peanut butter.

5. Last but not least, when in doubt of the weather make sure you are prepared and have this article on you at all times.

But really. your guess is as good as ours when it comes to the weather so try and always be prepared.

Karen Owens's tale of promiscuity

By Evan Kasakove
Co-News Editor

Karen Owens made a PowerPoint of 13 guys (all athletes) that she had sex with as an undergradate at Duke University, in which she rated them subjectively based on physical attractiveness, penis size, and aggressiveness, among other criteria. This 41-page mock Senior Honors Thesis is news because it was e-mailed to three friends and one of those friends forwarded it to someone else (can you guess what happened next?) and controversy ensued.

One quote can't capture the in-depth analysis of the so called "subjects" she describes (the PowerPoint is readily available on the internet), but it is really her humorous representation and detailed account of nights of her getting drunk at a bar or party and the guys she then hooked up with, nothing too unusual. What makes her different from any other college girl is that she made her sex list into a PowerPoint and the mass media picked it up, with dignified outrage, of course, and an equal detachment from reality.

The media sanctimoniously labels Owens a whore because decent, moral people don't have sex and make PowerPoints about it. The big point that the media misses is this is not at all atypical. Thirteen guys in four years doesn't make her a slut, more like the average. The media and people in general call her a slut for their own self-justification.

The media uses Karen Owens to proclaim its own moral righteousness, and people who choose to act differently than Owens look down at her because they can't understand something they don't themselves do. Of course, if Karen Owens was a guy, people would be giving her high-fives.

To say there is a double standard is a bit cliché at this point, but nonetheless true. Drunk girls that like to have fun and have sex are sluts and guys that like to have fun and have sex are awesome. Doesn't seem fair but it seems that's the way we view the two genders.

You may be thinking that my tone indicates that I am defending Owens's actions and that I am on the other side of the media debate, calling her an empowered, strong woman. What is so empowering about being easy? Because that's what her cursory. devoid-of-emotion hook ups were all about, about her being easy and her own insecurity.

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What is the deal with holiday food and merchandise?

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

Every year around the holidays, which now begin with Halloween, it seems like every company starts to produce holiday flavored items. For most of my life, I have lived in anticipation of Oct. 1st when, even though it is warm outside and the days are still long, companies begin to sell Halloween candy, decorations, costumes, and clothing. I was always so happy and excited after having waited almost a year from the previous Oct. 31st to go to the stores to see them all decorated, to analyze each item for sale carefully to ensure that I was taking in the entire experience, and so I could alert my family and friends as to what was available in every store and where the best items were.

Oct. 31st was always a very bittersweet day for me because it meant that I would have to wait another year for the wonders of Halloween. It also meant that stores would shortly begin decorating to create a winter wonderland to commemorate the upcoming holidays, including Christmas, Hanukkah, and others. My second favorite day of the year, next to Oct. 1st, was and still is Thanksgiving. I love spending the day with my family and eating the yummiest, most delicious food that melts in your mouth, trying to savor every second of it. The day following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, was another favorite of mine, and I always see it as an extension of Thanksgiving. Black Friday used to mark the day companies revealed their lavish holiday decorations and merchandise. This is always one of the best days of my year.

Unfortunately, and very upsetting to myself, in recent years companies have realized the extreme joy and happiness that holiday decorations and merchandise bring to customer and have started selling holiday merchandise extremely early. This upsets to me for several reasons. First, the lure of the holidays is that they only happen for a small window time each year and somehow compact every single positive emotion that it is possible to evoke. With companies starting to decorate and sell holiday merchandise earlier and earlier, it in essence extends the holiday season and takes away from the luxuriousness and amazingness of the time period from Oct. 1st to Dec. 25th.

WISH
STARBUCKS COFFEE
hope

Starbucks holiday cup.

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Another reason, I dislike companies preparing for the holidays earlier is that consumers, including myself, never know exactly when companies will decide to start selling and decorating for the holidays. This takes away from the anticipation of the holidays because I never know when companies will decide they are ready for the Holidays. I hate walking into a store in August and seeing Christmas decorations because it means that the holiday season is being extremely extended. In addition, it means that I was caught off guard and therefore not prepared to be overwhelmed with the holidays in August.

Retail companies are not the only ones who are guilty of preparing for the Holidays too early. Food companies and coffee stores fell victim to preparing for the holidays too early as well. Companies that prepare too early for the holidays are starting to sell items such as the ever-so-popular pumpkin latte among other delectable holiday treats. However, I do not want to have these treats and amazing foods before Oct. 1st for my aforementioned reasons detailed about with retail stores.

I have another problem with food companies. I realize that companies have become overly obsessed with trying to satisfy the wants of customers. Yes, customers love pumpkin lattes, and there is just something about holding a Starbucks holiday cup that just makes me

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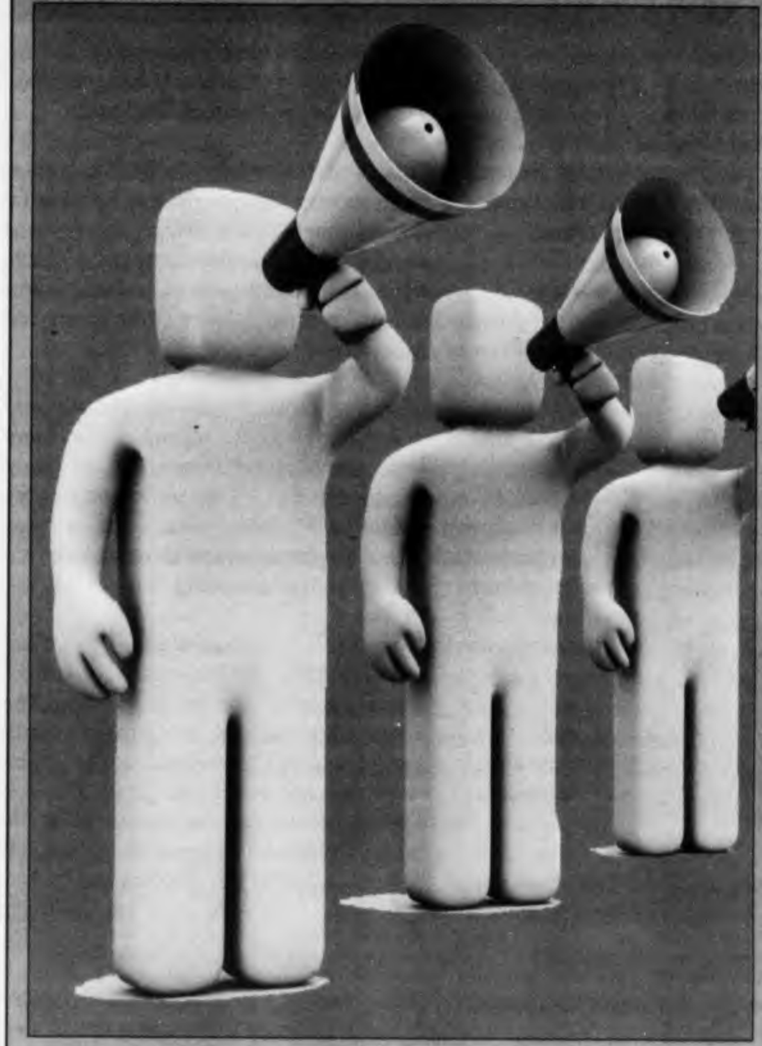

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happy, and I know other people feel the same way. But there comes a point when enough is enough and companies need to know that they are going overboard. For example, the eggnog pumpkin chai lattes that the College's own Java Joe's is selling. In a moment of over-excitedness after reading the side board at Java Joe's and reading "eggnog pumpkin chai latte", I ordered in a hurry. However, after about two sips of the latte, during which I was in a complete state of happiness , I realized that the latte was actually disgusting and one of the grossest drinks I had ever had. Having had this experience, I will definitely get another holiday edition drink, but it made me question the flavors of holiday drinks that companies concoct and think that customers will enjoy. This holiday season Starbucks' list of holiday drinks includes peppermint mocha, pumpkin spice latte, eggnog latte, and gingerbread latte. These drinks sound appealing to me, but most of them in actuality are too much flavor and, in essence, too much of the holidays. Companies, such as Starbucks, are destroying the Holidays for me and the entire country.

I know that I just spent a lot of time hating on the holidays, but my complaints are only so strong and passionate because of the immense love and appreciation I have of the holidays. Like any good friend would do, I am looking out for the best interest of the holidays and want what is best for them. I want to ensure that the holidays remain a spectacularly amazing time of year not only for me, but for the entire country.

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I don't say this to express that Owens is a bad person, just imperfect like everyone else. This is not a value judgment of her behavior being immoral, but an impartial observation without judgment. We (men) view women as whores because of what we view as typical sexual behavior. What is typical is based on what we do ourselves because people have difficulty seeing a reality outside of their own. In a psychological experiment, "University students who were asked to judge how high an unencumbered women would be able to jump, made lower estimates when they had weights attached to their ankles, compared with when they didn't."

Our perception of the world is drastically affected by what we can do or, maybe more importantly, what we can't do, and this affects how we think about ourselves and others.

So maybe instead of judging people based on our own beliefs and narrow perceptions, we should try to think of a reality outside of our own. It's difficult because when we try and understand and empathize with other people, we in turn become more self-aware of our many imperfections and flaws. And we don't always like the reflection we then see in the mirror.

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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 31 – Larceny/Theft – On Chew St., there was a report of theft of a Muhlenberg College flag. There are no suspects at this time. It appears the suspects may have fled south from the poles.

Oct. 31 – Found Property – Off campus, there was a report of a found debit card and gift card. The owner was notified. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Oct. 31 – Injured Student – On the back drive, there was a report of an injured student. A College employee transported the student to the Health Center. There was no further incident.

Oct. 31 – Injured Student – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 31 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 31 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individuals were identified. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 2 – Injured Student – In Trumbower, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer later transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 3 – Found Property – At the 23rd and Gordon Sts. parking lot, there was a report of a found parking permit. The owner was notified to retrieve a new sticker at the Campus Safety office.

Nov. 3 – Found Property – At the 23rd and Gordon Sts. parking lot, there was a report of a found parking sticker. The owner was notified and retrieved a new sticker at the Campus Safety office.

Nov. 3 – Larceny/Theft – In Parent's Plaza, there was a report of theft of a banner. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 3 – Sick Student – On campus, there was a report of a sick student. Health Services and the Dean of Students were notified.

Nov. 3 – Suspicious Activity – In Trexler Library, A Level, there was a report of an individual viewing inappropriate material. The individual was identified and spoke to. Information Technology was advised. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 3 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire safety violation. A candle and cigarette butts were found in a room. Residential Services responded and spoke to the individual. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 4 – Found Property – In Ettinger, there was a report of a found bicycle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The bicycle was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 4 – Found Property – In the Prosser parking lot, there was a report of a found parking sticker. The owner was notified to pick up a new sticker at the Campus Safety office.

Nov. 4 – Larceny/Theft – On campus, there was a report of a theft of a bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 4 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found camera. The owner later claimed the item.

Nov. 4 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individuals were identified. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 4 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 5 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Nov. 5 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of possession of drug paraphernalia. The individual was identified. A letter of no trespass will be sent. The drug paraphernalia was placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 5 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At 325 N. 23rd St. (Hoffman House), there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individual was identified and transported to the hospital by a Campus Safety officer. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 6 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individual was identified and transported to the hospital by a Campus Safety officer. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 6 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and the Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 6 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report of possession of drug paraphernalia. The individuals were identified. The paraphernalia was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 6 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In Robertson Hall, there was a report of drug paraphernalia. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. The room also had a covered smoke detector. The residents will be fined for a fire safety violation. Referred to Residential Services and the Dean of Students.

Nov. 6 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found earring. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The earring was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 6 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Seegers Union, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 6 – Institutional Vandalism – In Robertson Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism. There was a broken exit sign and name signs were found on the ground. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 6 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

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Dickinson professor addresses Historical Middle East problem

by Josh Katz

The first speaker in a three part series on the Middle East peace problem lectured at Muhlenberg on Tuesday, November 3.

Professor Philip Akre of Dickinson College spoke on the topic of "Middle East Conflict: History and Issues" in the lecture hall of the Trumbower Science Building.

According to Akre, the present conflict had its roots in the late 19th century. At that time, the modern Zionist movement was founded by Theodore Herzl. Herzl was an Austrian journalist who founded an organization that had as its lofty goal the liberation of European Jews from the persecution they suffered at that time and throughout history.

Herzl wrote that Jews had always been alienated from the mainstream of society, would never be accepted, and would in fact always be hated. Herzl maintained that the Jews needed a land where they could live in the majority and avoid being crushed by the weight of the masses.

Although support for Herzl was not immediately overwhelming, several factors, including the continued persecution of Jews in Eastern and Western Europe, gave birth to a rising Jewish population in Palestine.

In the 1920's, rising Jewish population met Palestine-Arab nationalism head on according to Akre.

At this time the British controlled the area as a United Nations mandate. The British tried to balance the historical claims of the Jews to the land and their need for a homeland with the claims of the Arabs who had been living there uninterrupted for over 1,000 years.

The Balfour Declaration tried unsuccessfully in 1917 to mandate a Jewish homeland in Palestine to be created without prejudice to the religious and civil rights of the existing Arab settlements.

"In history, nations are born of violence . . ."

The British made another attempt for a peaceful solution with the Peale Commission's suggestion dividing the land into a Jewish area and an Arab area. This plan was dropped when the Arabs in the United Nations objected.

The Palestinian Arabs felt that the land was theirs because they had been living there. A wave of Pan-Arabic unity gave them support from the other Arab nations. The Palestinian Arabs were poorly organized however and the more powerful Arab nations were unwilling to lend much support beyond diplomatic rhetoric.

With the beginning of the conflicts that led to World War II, the British curtailed greatly their efforts at peace.

Jewish immigration increased after the war due to the large numbers of refugees and the atrocities committed by the Nazis in Germany.

In 1947 and 1948 a civil war was fought in Palestine with the Jews emerging as victorious over the Arabs.

"The fact is," said Akre, "the nation of Israel was created out of conflict."

Professor Akre stressed that this was not unusual.

"In history, nations are born of bloodshed," he said.

The issue is of more than intellectual concern Akre feels.

"This is not a question of mere academic interests," he said. "It is a question of one of the burning political issues of our time."

Photo by Kochka

Professor Philip Akre of Dickinson College deals with the historical basis of the Middle East conflict.

Free U. and I.A.C. refuse payment for speakers

by Gregg Weidner

Controversy continued this past week with the publication on Saturday, November 7, in the *Allentown Morning-Call* that the donation from an anonymous individual would be used to pay honoraria to the speakers remaining in the Middle East lecture series, and that no school funds would be used to pay the gentlemen.

The article by *Call* writer Dan Pearson alluded that this decision was made by the college administration in an effort to ease tensions. International Affairs Club and Free University, the hosts of the lecture series were at one time considering taking such actions.

· Harry Yeide, President of both organizations, explained the events of the week.

"Free U and the International Affairs Club decided after a lot of discussion within the groups that while we were ethically and morally correct in what we were doing, we were willing to make some sacrifice on our stance and accept the donation from an anonymous individual," Yeide said.

The gesture, explained Yeide was not one of concilliation, but rather a good-will gesture towards the groups opposing the lecture series. As Yeide reiterated, the decision to accept the donation was the sole decision of the respective clubs. The decision, Yeide said, "was not forced on us by the Administration or by the college President, Dr. Morey."

The International Affairs Club, however withdrew this action following the publication of Pearson's article in the *Morning-Call*. In the club's opinion the article alluded that the decision to withdraw student funding was made by the college President.

"The article totally changed the environment of the situation," Yeide said. "There was no way we could accept this donation without looking as if we were being concilliatory towards the college."

The International Affairs Club also was perturbed by the publication of a letter from B'nai B'rith President Theodore Fine to Dr. Morey. In the letter Fine called for Dr. Morey to "take a symbolic stance against terrorism."

"There was no way," said Yeide, "that we could side with a party that said we condoned terrorism."

As a result of the *Morning-Call*

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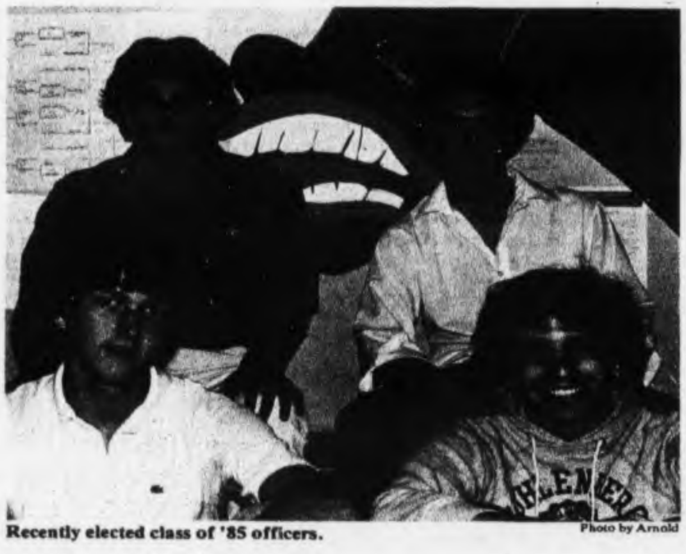


Recently elected class of '85 officers. Photo by Arnold

Freshman class selects officers; Leaders profess willingness to serve

by Howie Kesselman

On October 26th, the class of 1985 went to the polls to elect four class officers for the 1981-1982 school year. The election marked the end of enthusiastic campaigning, with slogan drenched posters and banners coating all available walls, and many candidates scrambling madly from room to room in door-to-door campaigns.

Ed Stein's campaign strategy stemmed from his belief that he was one of the lesser known candidates at the outset. With the help of a tightly organized network of campaign managers in each dorm, Stein reversed the situation, not only spreading his name, but, evidently, faith in his potential performance.

Stein, the victorious presidential candidate, who hails from Philadelphia, had been involved in school government in high school and planned for some time to run for office at Muhlenberg.

As president, Stein will plan fundraisers and activities in conjunction with the other officers and will run class meetings. In keeping with his campaign promises.

Stein has formed a survey committee to measure class attitudes and ideas, and a newsletter committee to keep the class informed of news and events.

Tentative fundraisers include sponsoring a talent show, a "Tuck in Service," a used record sale, a theme carnation sale, and movies. Stein also would like to see bus trips to places like New York, sporting events and concerts, ski slopes, and Great Adventure.

"The class of 1985 is a really great class with a lot of enthusiasm and it should be a great year. A lot should be accomplished," Stein said.

Assisting the president, and assuming his duties in his absence will be Vice-President David Sabeh from Wayne, New Jersey. Sabeh will also be on several committees responsible for executing class ideas.

Sabeh's decision to run for office came as a result of attending the earlier class meetings and being disturbed by the poor turnouts. He decided that more people, including himself, needed to become interested in class affairs.

Secretary Marc Frumer will be responsible for taking minutes and all correspondence. Frumer, from Wyncote, Pa., where he was active in school government including speaker of student council in his senior year.

Frumer looks forward to having a good working relationship between the class and Dr. Baar, the class faculty representative. He believes that the class could accomplish a great deal as long as it keeps a good perspective of what is feasible and what projects are too complicated to do well.

Handling the finances of the freshman class will be Alexander Black. Black, a resident of Maplewood, NJ. has participated in school government in the past. The officers will be assisted by an Executive Council, composed of seven class members who will be elected in the near future.

Earlier this year, a constitution was drafted by a committee of freshmen. The document will serve the class through graduation. The constitution outlines the functions and powers of the various officers and council members, as well as the bylaws under which meetings will operate. The form and content of the constitution was essentially the same as the constitution of previous classes.

Stenger chairs faculty meeting; Discusses LVAIC reps, curriculum

by D. Kimless and C. Kompf

Dean Harold Stenger presided over the Faculty meeting of November 6, 1981, in the absence of President John H. Morey.

Four reports comprised the agenda for the meeting.

The first report was given by the Nominating Committee. They informed the faculty of the necessity for representatives to the LVAIC. It was suggested and decided that this be accomplished through a two-stage election process.

The second report was from APC, who recommended the extension of the constitution for the Faculty Concerns Committee. This extension will allow for more time to evaluate the fate and responsibilities of the FCC. This recommendation was approved.

The next report was from the Curriculum Committee. Several courses were presented for approval by the faculty. Religious Perspectives on Science was passed following the clarification of the course description. The other courses, Transformation of the American Society and various Physical Education courses, were approved unanimously.

The Faculty Personnel and Policy Committee presented the final report. The FPPC discussed various guidelines for faculty policies, which included recommendations, faculty evaluations, patterns of promotions, faculty appointments, differentiating staff and extended contracts.

WEEKLY Life!

"The most important things in life aren't things."
- Anthony J. D'Angelo

Moving Stories: Innovative student choreography explores deeply personal themes and perspectives

By Kelsey Hutchison
Life Writer

Dancers exploring their spituality through expression in *Moving Stories*.

Photo Courtesy of Scott Snyderock

Moving Stories 2011 showcases the new works of advanced student choreographers: Jeremy Arnold '12, Matt Austin '12, Krista Bacchieri '12, Laura Baehr '12, Candace Eaton '12, Kelsey Hutchison '13, Christine Marty '12, AlexJo Natale '12, Sioned Papparotto '12, Christine Pepin '12, Nina Pongratz '13, Meredith Stapleton '13, and Jackie Walsh '12.

Over 50 dancers from all class years will perform on the Baker stage. Faculty member Constance Case has created over 70 costumes and the lighting is designed by faculty member Paul Theisen Jr.

Under the artistic direction of Karen Dearborn, Director of Dance, each of the 13 choreographers has navigated and cultivated experiences in order to create a unique perspective on the world. *Moving Stories* asks the audience to be open and receptive to the multiplicity of these perspectives and invites the viewer to see the world in a new way.

Christine Marty '12 is choreographing a piece in which the dancers hang upside-down on bars and contort their bodies into twisted shapes to embody the confusion of different points of view.

"My cast is exploring shifting perspectives while navigating a world flipped upside-down," Marty says.

Seen on Fox's *So You Think You Can Dance*, Jeremy Arnold '12 is choreographing a tap piece set to classical music. During the piece, Andy Zepp '12 will DJ live on turntables, adding an additional element to further complicate the relationship of classical music and tap dance.

Choreographer Meredith Stapleton '13 explores cultural gestures of prayer. Her cast has been rehearsing all over campus in various places such as the Zen garden and the Chapel.

"My piece is an exploration of spirituality," Stapleton says. "My cast and I are currently exploring ideas of structured religion, individual journeys of faith, a bit of existentialism, and trying to believe in something you just don't believe in."

By presenting the balletic structure and then slowly deconstructing it, Jackie Walsh '12 shifts from the classical to the contemporary genre of ballet within her dance.

Choreographer Kelsey Hutchison '13 has been exploring the multiplicity of layers that exist beneath the ocean tides while playing with unconventional partnering.

"I find contact improvisation, in which the dancers give and take each other's weight, a useful tool for creating," Hutchison says.

AlexJo Natale '12 is creating a piece inspired by the mockingbird myth. She is working with various bird imagery and symbols, such as talons, feathers, and a nest of tangled limbs.

Tackling a piece on the concept of how age affects memory and understanding, choreographer Nina Pongratz '13 says, "Within my piece, my dancers and I are exploring our memories and what has remained meaningful to us over these past 10 years."

Life is full of unavoidable tragedies and misfortunes, and Laura Baehr '12 is striving to put these mishaps in a comic light by exploring comedic elements from the vaudeville and silent movie eras. Comedians such as Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton will inform her work, poking fun at the farce that is life.

"*Moving Stories* is designed to inspire and challenge audiences," Dearborn says. "These visually lush dances offer a view of our present and future through contemporary eyes. It is always exciting to be enveloped in these kinetic and symbolic works of art — to be moved by the movement."

Moving Stories is an invitation to explore and play with a plethora of perspectives. Each work beckons the viewer to delve into the choreographer's mind to question, uncover, and discover life in a new and intriguing way. What the audience will find are 13 individual and innovative moving stories.

Performances are Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 17-18, at 8 pm, and Sat., Nov. 19, at 2 pm and 8 pm. Campus tickets are $7. Performances are in the Baker Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance. Call 484-664-3333, Mon. through Fri. 12 am to 6 pm for ticket reservations, or online at www.muhlenberg.edu/tickets.

The Fluidity of Gender: Sculpture

By Kathy Burke
Life Writer

One of Stein's "larger-than-life heroic female torsos."

Photo Courtesy of Kathy Burke

In *The Fluidity of Gender,* artist-activist Linda Stein explores gender roles and stereotypes. Using sculpture and video,she reacts to notions about empowerment, and sexism, past and present, and the heroic female form.

Many of the larger-than-life heroic female torsos in this exhibition are incased in black leather and embellished with delicious amounts of metal utilitarian buckles, chains, zippers, and purely decorative motifs.

These forms are a continuation of her sculptural series *Knights*, which she began in 2002 as a response to childhood fears and a search for female symbols of protection. They are designed to scramble gender expectations and to merge opposites female/male, soft/strong, and defensive/aggressive. Viewers may find them jarring and formidable as well as seductive and inviting.

Stein's leather-clad figures are joined by more colorful and whimsical acrystalized-paper torsos that feature iconic Wonder Woman motifs. Stein continues to ponder the superpower's masculine strength that seems equally balanced with feminine attributes of compassion and justice. She thinks about "Wonder Woman stopping the bad guys without ever killing."

Stein holds degrees from Pratt Institute and Queens College, New York. She has numerous solo and group exhibitions to her credit, and is represented by Flomenhaft Gallery, New York, and Longstreth Goldberg Art in Florida.

Her archives are at Smith College and her website is www.LindaStein.com.

A reception for Stein will be held Wed. Nov. 30 from 4:30 to 6 pm in the Martin Art Gallery. Guests will have the unique opportunity to try on some of the sculpture and students from Karen Dearnborn's advanced dance composition will perform. Stein will then deliver a slide lecture with Q & A in the adjacent Recital Hall, 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

All gallery events and programs are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Tues. through Sat., 12 to 8 pm, other hours by appointment and closed during semester breaks and holidays.

Ask the Panda Girl:
The Weekly's advice column

The Panda Girl

Dear Panda Girl-

Some friends I've been hanging out with since freshman year are really not-so-good friends after all. It was fine at first, hanging out, going to dinner together, and the usual stuff. But now I see all the drama and the nonsense that they're all about. I don't want to get sucked in to their petty problems or their drunken idiocy. How can I get myself out of this mess without hurting their feelings? They are my friends, just not very good ones. It's not like I can escape them- in this Muhlenberg Bubble. Advice?

- Get me out of this Sh*t hole

Dear Get Me Out-

Well, unfortunately, it is true that unless you go live the life of a hermit on a mountain somewhere, you can never completely avoid these people. The key is to gradually slide away from them. Politely decline invitations to events with them, and try and go with more favorable friends. When you are together, exchange pleasantries and be polite, but stay distant. Do not volunteer your opinion readily. If the topic of conversation changes in a direction you don't like, don't participate. Be calm, be polite, and go look for some people that better share your interests and personality. As you drift apart, these others will start inviting you or including you less and less, which is what you want, yes? Just don't drift away into nothing. Find another tight knit group that you really enjoy being with, so you have a soft place to land if trouble comes. Friendship is very important in life, but not if it makes you feel uncomfortable or stressful. Find people that alleviate that rather than add to it. Maybe that girl you sit next to in class and have good discussions with would like to join you for lunch. Maybe that guy that catches your eye on Academic Row wants to stuff-a-plush with you this weekend. Stay open and fly on your own wings. You'll find a nice cloud to land on.

All my best,
The Panda Girl
Send your letters to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or via campus mail to box 2072

A new organization resource room

By Jonathan Landau
Life Writer

The Muhlenberg College Student Government Association is proud to announce the Opening of the New Club/Organization Resource Room in the Seegers Union Student Life Suite.

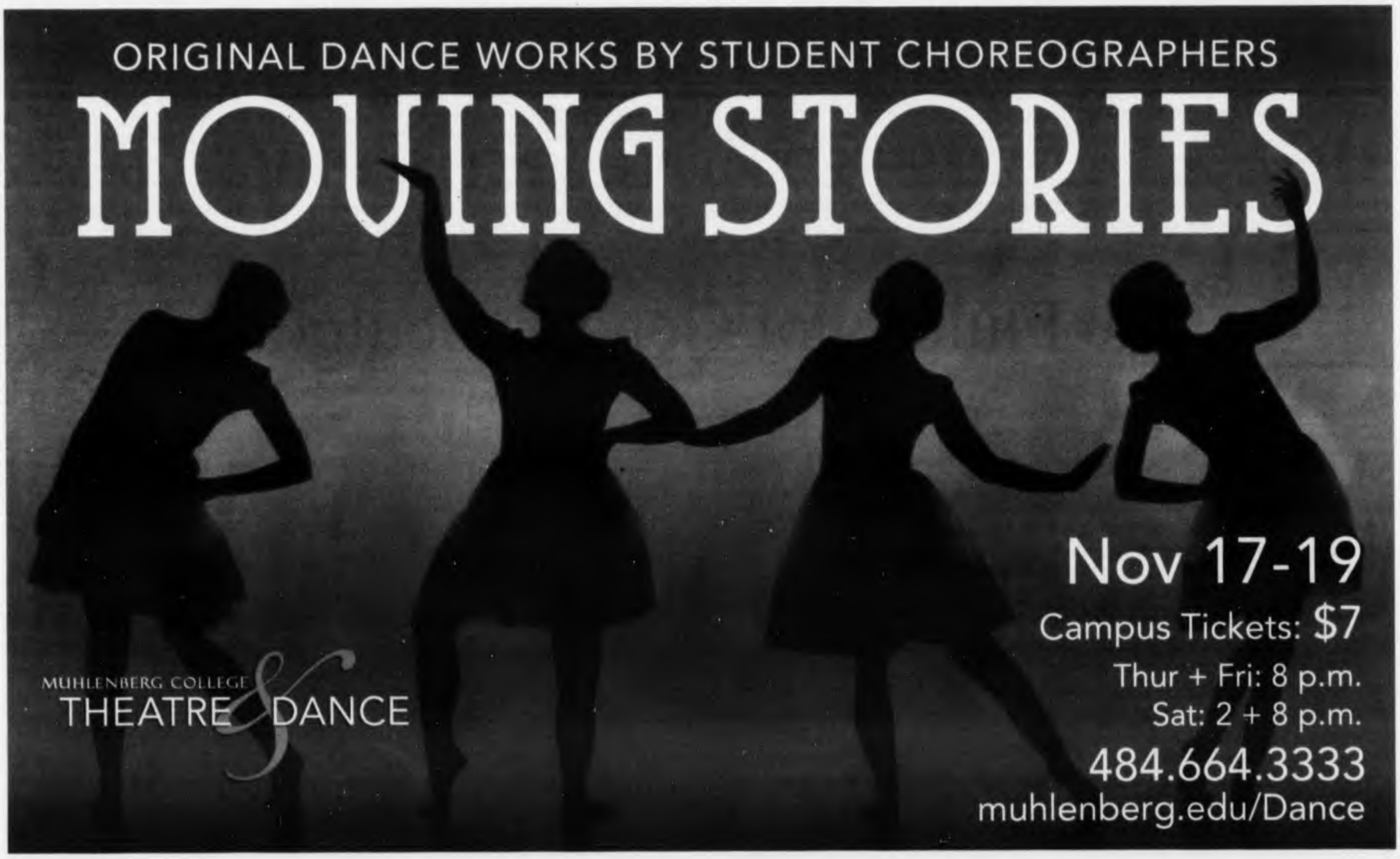
The Resource Room is outfitted and stocked with the necessary materials to produce publicity materials free of charge, to help Clubs/Organizations better communicate what they are doing to the greater campus community.

In addition to supplies, the room is now outfitted with newer and powerful computers with state-of-the-art, Industry Standard design software, and a professional copy machine allowing clubs to quickly and cost effectively produce eye-catching publicity materials.

Jonathan Landau '12, Student Body President stated that "It will become a place where members of different Clubs/Organizations can come together and interact with one another, on purpose or by accident, generating new ideas and partnerships across the various walks of campus life."

The SGA will be holding an Open House in the Resource Room on Wednesday, 11/9 from 5-5:30pm, to answer any questions students may have about the room or in general about current issues on campus

The Student Government Association serves as an executive instrument for directing student life and providing democratic government in all phases of student activity. Through its standing committees, Student Government is involved in all aspects of Student life. The Student Government Association holds General Meetings Biweekly in the conference room on the Third floor of Haas. For more information, please email studengov@muhlenberg.edu.



Dance for a Cure

Fall Festival

*come dressed in fall colors

Friday, November 11th

10:00pm - 12:00am

Seegers Event Space

all proceeds go to

Colleges Against Cancer

Relay for Life

questions: contact ah237133@muhlenberg.edu

Admission: $5 raffle tickets: 1/$1

This Weekend on Campus

Thurs., Nov. 10

1) Common Hour: Gabri Christa Film Showing from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm at CA Recital Hall

2) Faculty Author Reception with Paul McEwan from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm at Trexler Library

3) Arts and Memory Panel from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Empie Theater

Fri. Nov.11

1) Bill McDowell: Ashes in the Night Sky from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Martin Art Gallery

2) LGBT Author Panel from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at SGU Great Room

3) Muhlenberg Ice Hockey from 7:45 pm to 10:00 pm at The Rink at Lehigh Valley

4) Piano Series Recital: Alon Goldstein from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Empie Theater

Sat., Nov. 12

1) Bill McDowell: Ashes in the Night Sky from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Martin Art Gallery

2) Football from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Scotty Wood Stadium/Marino Field

3) Student Performers at the Red Door from 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm at SGU Red Door

4) Stuff-A-Plush from 11:00 pm to 1:00 am at SGU Upper Lobby

Sun. Nov. 13

1) Traveling Exhibition: "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965" all day at Trexler Library

LSU game proves need for playoff system

By Jeremy Fuchs
Sports Writer

If you ask to me to explain how the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) works, I'll furrow my brow, shake my head, and then quickly change the subject as to not expose any weakness in my sports knowledge. The BCS is a complicated, mathematic formula that determines the National Championship game based on strength of schedule, points allowed, and more. I don't know about you, but deciding a national champion based on math seems fluky to me.

The BCS assigns teams to a few select Bowl games. These teams come from the winners of the conferences. The top two teams, at least based on the numbers, play in the national championship game.

But it doesn't always work that way. Too often, there are more than two top teams. Some years, there are three teams at the top. Some years, even more. One team is inevitably left out, wondering why the numbers didn't add up for them.

The National Championship game is supposed to decide the best team. Some years it does. Last year, Auburn and Oregon were the two best teams, and they played a close game that led to Auburn as the champion. But, in past years, the National Championship game hasn't decided the best team. It just confused things.

Heading into last week LSU and Alabama were the two top teams in all the land. And rightfully so. Both could probably pass as professional teams. They played on Saturday and, in a hard fought game, LSU came out on top. They established themselves as the best team.

We could have something like this every year. At the end of the season, a playoff would be instituted. Take the top eight teams. #1 plays #8, #2 plays #7, #3 plays #6, #4 plays #5. The winners advance, until there are two teams standing. The winner of that is the National Champion.

Deciding who is the national championship based on numbers is not right. There's a new penchant, in all of sports, towards statistic based analysis. And while statistics can enhance an understanding of a team, or of a sport, it is not a substitute for playing the games.

The games must be played on the field to decide a winner. Games like LSU against Alabama decide a winner, not some computer.

A playoff system is opposed because it would, at least in theory, limit the money from Bowl games. Bowl games are sponsored by large companies. The teams that play in them get money. Lots of it. But, there's a simple solution. The playoff games could still be named after companies. The #1 seed versus the #8 seed could be called the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. The #2 seed versus the #7 seed could be called the Tropicana Orange Bowl. You can still keep the corporate shilling. In fact, you could have more of it.

It's a really simple solution, and it's mind boggling that it hasn't happened yet. It's even more mind boggling that this solution isn't gaining more traction. Fans like the games. Fans like watching LSU and Alabama in a tough battle, not computer against computer.

With enough support, and just a little common sense, eventually the tide will turn. A playoff system will be implemented and the BCS will eventually go out with a whimper. And fans everywhere will rejoice.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football
(6-3,6-2 CC)
11/5 @ Ursinus W 24-21

Men's Soccer
(10-6-1, 6-3 CC)
CC Playoffs
11/4 vs. Dickinson L 2-0

Women's Soccer
(6-10-2, 3-6-1 CC)
CC Playoffs
11/2 vs. Ursinus L 2-1

Wrestling
King's Monarch Invitational
13th

Volleyball's last show is strong at Seahawk Invitational

By Joy Forlenza
Sports Editor

The 'Berg Volleyball team won three of its four final matches of the season at the St. Mary's Seahawk Invitational. It was also, notably, the career-ending tournament for Right Side Hitter Davi Gordon '12, Defensive Specialist Brooke McQueen '12, and Middle Blocker Jackie Price '12.

"We worked so well together this past weekend, from our communication to our serve receive, which were two aspects of the game we experienced a lot of trouble with in the past. We are all so proud of the team and the improvements we've all made both individually and as a team," said Price.

In addition to having the seniors end the season on a good note, strong playing by the underclassmen at the tournament reassured everyone that the team will definitely stay strong into next year. Outside Hitter Holly Hynson '15 was certainly at the top of her game, leading the team with 11 kills. Middle/Right Side Hitter Lindsey Gambocurta '15 and Defensive Specialist Alyssa Schnell '15 teamed up for 24 digs. Morgan Duggan '14 and Nikki Dickson '15 combined for 31 assists.

The seniors were also part of some of the highlights of the tournament. Gordon compiled her first double-double of the season while playing against Bridgewater, making for a career high of 17 kills in addition having 10 digs and seven blocks during the Eagles game.

Muhlenberg faced a loss against Lynchburg on day one of the tournament but closed the season with a win, sweeping College of New York. This last win brought their overall winning record to ten wins.

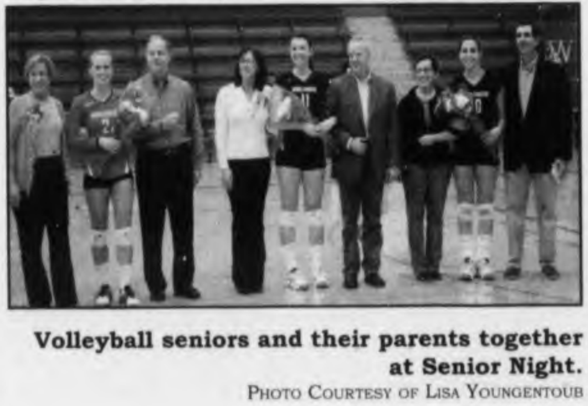
The 'Berg Volleyball team finished .500 in the Centennial Conference. They improved their standings from last season by keeping some of the teams they had lost to from finishing in the top three again.

McQueen believes that the team made huge strides throughout this season as well. "From the start, we knew we had talent on our team but that it would take more than that to get more W's in our win column. However, in the beginning of the season we had a lot of work to do in order to improve our overall game and level of play," said McQueen.

The team faced a challenge of building a strong team out of an especially young roster, with six of the twelve players being freshmen. This was especially important for the team's stability since some of the upperclassmen were coping with injuries. "At times we had four freshmen on the court playing against teams made up of juniors and seniors. I think it definitely says a lot about the heart of our team and how we were able to compete with the more experienced teams despite our youth" said McQueen.

Some of the team's greatest feats of the season include taking the defending CC champs Haverford and F&M and moving from tenth place to sixth place in the Centennial Conference.

With the season ending on a strong note, they are already looking forward to building upon their improvements next year.



Volleyball seniors and their parents together at Senior Night.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Youngentoub

Senior Captain Spotlight

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CAPTAIN

DAVI GORDON

Photo Courtesy of NYSportsPics.com

1) Hometown: Pickerington, Ohio

2) Major/Minors: Business Administration and Media & Communications Double Major

3) Volleyball position played: During my time at Muhlenberg, I actually played every position on the court, but this year I played Middle Blocker and Right Side Hitter.

4) When did you start playing volleyball? 7th grade

5) Favorite athletes? Misty May-Treanor, Kerri Walsh, and Evan Turner

6) Favorite sports teams? Ohio State Buckeyes

7) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Definitely the great friendships I have made. My team is like my family, and they are always there to support me both on and off the court!

8) Post-graduate plans or ideas? Not completely sure, but possibly coaching or doing work in an area related to my majors

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CAPTAIN

JACKIE PRICE

Photo Courtesy of NJSportsPics.com

1) Hometown: Medway, Massachusetts

2) Major/Minors: Neuroscience major and Public health minor

3) Volleyball position played: Middle Hitter

4) When did you start playing volleyball? The summer before my freshman year of high school

5) Favorite Athletes? Kerri Walsh, Misty May-Treanor, and Michael Jordan

6) Favorite Sports Teams: Muhlenberg Volleyball DUH!

7) Hobbies besides volleyball: I love working out, staying active and shopping!

8) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? There is a large sense of community in Muhlenberg Athletics which has been so comforting these past four years. Since we are a small school it's great to get to know athletes who are so talented in their respective sports and watching them play. From the athletic trainers to the Athletic Director everyone is so nice and willing to help out in anyway they can. Specific volleyball memories I have are making the tournament my sophomore year after beating Gettysburg on our then seniors' senior night. We took them to five games and played our hearts out and left everything on the court and in addition to making tournament, we beat one of the top teams in the conference.

9) Post-graduate plans or ideas: Physician's Assistant School hopefully in Boston!

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CAPTAIN

BROOKE MCQUEEN

Photo Courtesy of NJSportsPics

1) Hometown: Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania

2) Major/Minors: Biology and Secondary Education

3) Volleyball position played: Outside Hitter and Defensive Specialist

4) When did you start playing volleyball? I started in 8th grade, just eight short years ago.

5) Favorite sports teams? I'm a philly girl, fan of the Eagles, Phillies and Flyers.

6) Hobbies besides volleyball: I am a big fan of being busy! Whatever club or event that I am involved in, I am in it 100%. In my years a Muhlenberg I have invested a lot of time in bringing back two clubs on campus, Student Athlete Mentors and Omicron Delta Kappa.

7) What do you like most about playing for Muhlenberg? Being a part of the Muhlenberg Volleyball team has brought me friends and memories that are unforgettable. From hilarious team dinners, singing on bus rides, and those moments screaming on the court, my team has been the most enjoyable part of attending Muhlenberg College. The little moments are the ones that are never forgotten.

8) Post-graduate plans or ideas? I will be coming back for a 9th semester at Muhlenberg to finish my Secondary Education Certification, then taking a year off to work and apply to Physician Assistant School.

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Put it in the left hand column

By Eric Dolber
Sports Writer

The Mules held on to defeat Ursinus College 24-21 in Collegeville this past Saturday. With this win and Gettysburg's loss to Dickinson, the Mules are now in sole position of second place in the Centennial Conference. This could not have happened without Sophomore Safety Andrew "Moose" Onimus, who blocked Ursinus's attempt at a potential game-tying field goal with 2.7 seconds left.

The Mules controlled the first 30 minutes of the game. Junior Quarterback Dan Deighan rushed for 68 yards on the opening drive, including a 40-yard touchdown run, to give the Mules a 7-0 with just 1:27 in game gone by. This happened to be the second consecutive week that Deighan rushed for a touchdown on the third play of the game.

Later in the first half, Deighan connected with Junior Wide Receiver Isaiah Vaughn on a fade pass three minutes into the second quarter. This was the first time Vaughn has played in seven weeks. It was an adventure for him to catch the ball, as he bobbled it before securing the touchdown to make it 14-0 Mules.

During the Mules next offensive drive, Junior Running Back JT Merklinger ran for 26 yards to bring the ball to the Bear's 26 yard line. Three plays later Deighan rolled to his right and connected with Freshman Tight End Michael Long who was wide opened as the Mules took a 21-0 lead into halftime!

However, the Bears controlled the start of the second half. Ursinus picked off two Mules passes and they got on the board with a touchdown of their own with less than five minutes gone in the second half. On their next drive they scored on an 85-yard touchdown to make it 21-14 Mules. The Mules defense finally showed up to play in the second half and stopped Ursinus on their next two drives.

Muhlenberg's offense finally took over at its own 31-yard line with 5:55 to play in the fourth. The Mules ran the ball 4 times for 26 yards and were faced with a pivotal 3rd and 3 at the Bears 43. Deighan scrambled and hit Junior Wide Receiver Eric Gilbert for a crucial 15-yard play. Senior Place Kicker Gregg Mercogliano would eventually connect on a 38-yard field goal to make it 24-14 Mules with 1:43 to play.

The Bears, however, would not go down with a fight. They drove 58 yards on 7 plays to pull within 3 points. Mules fans that made the journey to Collegeville looked shocked. Ursinus recovered the ensuing onside kick and got all the way to Muhlenberg's 28-yard line. Onimus then worked his magic.

With another stellar performance, Deighan moved into eight place on the Mules' football history career passing list. Senior Linebacker Patrick McDonough led the defense with eight tackles and Senior Defensive End Victor Taiwo finished with a sack.

The Mules look to close out the regular season on a high note when they face Moravian at home!

Running back JT Merklinger '12 rushing to the Bear's 26-yard line.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Youngentoub

Cornerback Chris Hartzell '12 broke up 2 passes, one of them in the end zone.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Youngentoub

Safety Andrew Onimus '14 soars over pile to block Eagle's attempt at a game-tying field goal.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Youngentoub

Place kicker Greg Mercogliano '12 kicking the wining 38-yard field goal.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Youngentoub

UPCOMING GAMES

Football
(6-3, 6-2 CC)
Sat. 11/12 vs. Moravian 1:00

Cross Country
NCAA Mideast Regional @ DeSales

Women's Basketball
Tues. 11/15 @ Moravian 6:00

Men's Basketball
Tues. 11/15 @ Moravian 8:00

Wrestling
Sat. 11/12 Ursinus Fall Brawl 10:00

Share your favorite team pics, stat. updates, and opinions with Weekly SPORTS.

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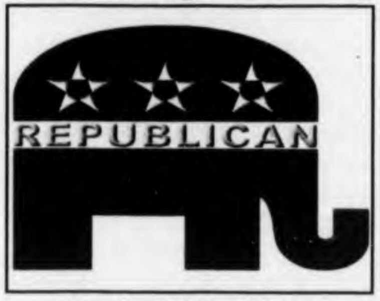

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NITTANY LIONS

A student's perspective of the tragedy at Penn State

Alumni spotlight

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

This week, the staff had an idea to start a new weekly program for the paper called, "Alumni Spotlight." The staff thought it would a great idea to inform current student and faculty of what alumni are doing in their lives post-college and to help students see that there is life after the "muhlenbubble"! This week features last years Co-Editors-in-Chief.

Jillian Bevacqua
Class of 2011
Major: Media and Communication;
Minor(s): Creative Writing, Art Studio

1) **What is your job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.**

I am an External Affairs Associate at the Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness in New York City. I run advertising and sales for the organization, and have also become somewhat of an in-house photographer. Much of the work I do changes day-to-day, but I like that part of it! One day I'll be designing an ad in Photoshop, the next I'll be writing content for a children's book on homelessness. It keeps me excited about what I do.

Bevacqua at graduation in May 2011
Photo Courtesy of Jillian Bevacqua

2) **What is your commute like?**

Far from wonderful, but four months in and I've gotten used to it. The 1 hour 45 minutes commute every evening gives me lots of time to read, and in the morning, I've become quite used to napping on the train!

3) **What has the transition been like from being a student to working full time?**

In all honesty, it isn't easy at first. Between my college friends and I, we had a running joke about the "muhlen-depression" that follows graduation. You are so immersed in the college experience for four years, it's normal to feel a little lost once you get out. My advice is to keep busy. If you have a job, put all of your effort into it. If you're job-hunting, keep on applying and network as much as you can. Make time to see your friends. You might feel like you're in limbo for a while, but eventually, you'll do more than just get used to it, you'll enjoy it! There is something pretty refreshing about not having homework anymore.

> *Just what makes you want! It really can be that simple. If you have the slightest desire to try something new, just do it. No one's going to look down on you if you change your mind. They don't call 'Berg " The Caring College" for nothing.*

4) **Do you plan on going back to school to get an advanced degree? If so, in what?**

At the moment, no, but I haven't ruled it out. I'm just going to see what happens!

5) **What tips would you give students looking for jobs?**

At the risk of sounding way too corny: you know that expression about never burning a bridge? Don't just avoid burning them, build as many as you can, as soon as you can. At a liberal arts college like Muhlenberg, there are so many opportunities to meet people, through your friends, your professors, alumni, clubs, speakers, and events. I can definitely say that I wouldn't have my job today if I hadn't made an effort to get to know people at Muhlenberg, particularly my teachers. You can really find connections anywhere, and a personal reference is a huge step.

6) **Are there any classes you would suggest that seniors take before they graduate?**

I loved my major and could easily rave about many of the Media and Communication courses I took while at Muhlenberg, but my most objective suggestion: Basic Speech with Professor Karen Connell. One of the most original courses I took while at Berg, I switched into this class on a whim and was so happy I did. Public speaking is an art that takes practice, but can help you with everything from presentations to job interviews! You'll learn to curb your "like"s and "um"s, how to improvise a speech on the spot, and that there are many, more effective synonyms for the word "great."

7) **Is there something you appreciate about Muhlenberg now that you are no longer a student?**

Definitely! There's so much that I look back on and miss, but surprisingly, the things I appreciate so much more are the little things. Throwing on a sweatshirt and leaving at 9:55 for a 10 am class, then coming back to my dorm to eat lunch and relax with my roommates is something that I wish I could do again. Basically, I guess I appreciate the very nature of being a student.

8) **What do you miss most about being on campus?**

I miss being on campus! I have been lucky enough to visit Muhlenberg quite a few times since graduating (even got stuck on campus for the first day of classes after Hurricane Irene!),

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Oh the drama....

In recent weeks as the scandal surrounding Pennsylvania State University has unravelled there have been several rumors and unnecessary publicity. At this point it is assumed that almost everyone knows some of the facts.

However, for those who are unaware of the situation, these are the details: According to the nytimes.com article "Ex-Coach Denies Charges Amid New Accusations" by Mark Viera and Jo Becker, "Close to 10 additional suspected victims have come forward to the authorities since the arrest of the former Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky on Nov. 5 on 40 counts of sexually abusing young boys, according to people close to the investigation." Also according to this article, Football Coach, Joe Paterno, the President, Graham B. Spanier, have been fired, and Jack Raykovitz, Chief Executive of the foundation (The Second Mile) for 28 years, resigned. There has been great debate over the firing and resignation of the aforementioned because people are not sure where to place the blame or whether the blame is shared by them all.

Besides deciding where to place the blame, there is another aspect of this scandal to consider. This aspect is where the emphasis of reporting has been throughout this process. We know this sounds a little crazy, but there are people who only knew that Joe Paterno was fired and were unaware that the Pennsylvania State University's President was fired as well. This is a direct reflection of the media attention given to this scandal and shows what the media thinks people are interested in. The media's job should be to report the news, whether it be something positive, such as a new bill being passed in Congress, or something negative, such as this scandal. The public deserves to be informed about the facts surrounding events, so they can have knowledgeable opinions and carry on discussions about current events.

In addition, it is important to note that a situation like the one at Pennsylvania State University can happen anywhere, even in the "muhlenbubble", so bear in mind that it is important to know all the facts before having discussions with people and to be well-informed.

Living Tucker Max's Dream

By Evan Kasakove
Co-News Editor

For those of you Philistines that don't know of Tucker Max, I pity the cave you live in. Tucker Max is more than just a man; he is an ideal that is rarely understood. Tucker Max is the #1 *New York Times* Bestselling author of *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell* and Assholes Finish First. On the back cover of *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell* he proclaims, "My name is Tucker Max, and I am an asshole. I get excessively drunk at inappropriate times, disregard social norms, indulge every whim, ignore the consequences of my actions, mock idiots and posers, sleep with more women than is safe and reasonable, and just generally act like a raging dickhead. But I do contribute to humanity in one very important way: I share my adventures with the world."

This is a funny and veritable on-the-surface description of his book. The one other thing you should know about Tucker Max is he is a genius. He graduated with highest honors, summa cum laude, from the University of Chicago in three years and then got an academic scholarship to Duke Law School. This is only partially why he is a genius; the larger part is his writing ability, sense of humor, and approach to life. I would recommend his books to anyone and everyone because they are hilarious and eye-opening. Many people will be shocked and disgusted by what they might read, or think his stories are fictitious. The people who are disgusted either have a poor sense of humor or a narrow world view. The people who don't believe his stories are people that live lives so opposite to Tucker Max they couldn't fathom anyone living that way, but I assure you, his stories are both outrageous and true.

Now, if you read his books you would believe that his books are all about getting drunk and having sex. And you would be right, but there is something much more subtle to his stories, and it has to do with how he lives his life. Tucker Max was fired from a summer law internship position, which is unprecedented for anyone that goes to law school, but it ended up being the best thing that ever happened to him because it forced him onto a path where he became a writer. In the end he got to live his dreams, and not in a cliché "I'm going to be an astronaut when I grow up" kind of way, but in a way that is seldom talked about. People believe that you can't be anything you want because of external factors, i.e. the system or your

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The 2012 Republican candidates

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

The Presidential Election of 2012 is well under way as the Republican Party tries to find a "maverick," as John McCain would say, to represent the party in the upcoming election. Before choosing a candidate or writing off the Republican Party completely, it is important to be informed about the candidates. Luckily, there are many ways for the public to be informed about the candidates and the election, but for convenience I will help you out. The Republican Party originally had 12 candidates, but Tim Pawlenty,Former Governor of Minnesota, and Thaddeus McCotter,United States Representative from Michigan, dropped out of the race on Aug. 14 and Sept. 22, respectively. There are 10 candidates remaining, and here are their backgrounds (according to nytimes.com):

"Michele Bachmann-United States Representative, Minnesota-Background: Elected to Congress in 2006, Michele Bachmann first drew national attention in 2008, when said in a television interview that Barack Obama, then a candidate for president, "may have anti-American views." Over the past two years, she has expanded her national profile with her biting condemnations of Democrats-and of tax increases, big government, the health care law and government spending -and with frequent sound-bite-packed visits to the universe of cable news. Consistently conservative on social issues, Mrs. Bachmann also founded a Tea Party caucus in Congress.

Herman Cain- Former CEO of Godfather's Pizza- Background: Herman Cain, the former chief executive of the Godfather's Pizza chain, whose conservative fiscal credentials have made him a favorite among some Tea Party backers, has been aggressively crisscrossing the country trying to build name recognition. A graceful public speaker with a deep baritone voice, Mr. Cain's early supporters are hoping that his plain-spoken style, his compelling life story and his success in business will appeal to conservative voters.

Newt Gringrich-Former House Speaker-Background: The former House speaker from Georgia who led the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994, Mr. Gingrich has remained relevant by building himself into a one-man industry, churning out speeches, books and policy positions, and would start the campaign with a reputation as one of his party's most creative thinkers. A favorite of the Tea Party movement, Mr. Gingrich finds himself, once again, at the zenith of influence in conservative Washington.

Jon Huntsman-Former Governor of Utah-Background: Jon M. Huntsman Jr. is a moderate with billionaire roots and intense personal popularity. A two-term governor of Utah, he has significant foreign policy experience and speaks Mandarin fluently from his time as a Mormon missionary in Taiwan. He served in diplomatic positions in the two Bush administrations.

Gary E. Johnson-Former Governor of New Mexico-Background: Gary Johnson is perhaps best known for his efforts to legalize marijuana during his two terms as governor of New Mexico. A libertarian who opposed the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, he has advocated spending cuts to entitlement programs as well as defense. Mr. Johnson has a record as a fiscal conservative – as governor he vetoed a record 750 spending bills and left his state with a $1 billion surplus - but is more liberal on social issues.

Ron Paul-United States Representative, Texas-Background: During his 20 years in Congress, Ron Paul has established himself as an outspoken critic of American foreign and monetary policy, and is widely known for his libertarian positions on a host of political and social issues. Mr. Paul has been called the "intellectual godfather of the Tea Party," and though his 2008 presidential run did not win many delegates, he proved himself to be an impressive fund-raiser, capable of tapping into a small but passionate network of supporters.

Rick Perry-Governor of Texas-Background: Rick Perry is Texas's longest-serving governor, having succeeded George W. Bush in 2000 and winning re-election twice. Chairman of the Republican Governors Association, Mr. Perry is popular with both social conservatives and the Tea Party movement, and became an instant top-tier candidate when he entered the race. His campaign pitch is rooted in an equal measure of inspiring economic growth – including his record of creating jobs in Texas — and preserving social values.

Buddy Roemer-Former Governor of Louisiana-Background: Buddy Roemer was first elected to Congress from Louisiana as a Democrat in 1980 and served four terms in the House before being elected governor in 1988. In 1991, he switched parties for his re-election and lost the Republican primary. Now a bank executive in Baton Rouge, Mr. Roemer was the first candidate to form an exploratory committee. He has said he plans to focus his campaign on what he calls the endless corruption in Washington politics.

Mitt Romney-Former Governor of Massachusetts-Background: With job creation and the economy

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background. Yes, there are strong deterrents, but the thing that stops you from being what you really want is you; and it's always you. Tucker Max lives the life he wants to live and not the life others (read: family) want him to live. Being true to yourself is one of the most important things a person can do, and Tucker Max does it while most people live their lives based on other people's standards.

Just like Tucker Max's subtle message, Stephen Colbert gave similar advice to the 2011 graduating class of Northwestern University: "You have been told to follow your dreams, but what if it's a stupid dream?" He goes on to say that "thankfully, dreams can change… Just because you haven't achieved your dreams yet you haven't failed, and you're not some loser. But just as importantly, and this is the part I may not get right and you may not listen to if you do get your dream, you're not a winner." That last part is so important because not only does it mean that not achieving your first dream or any dream you currently have doesn't make you a loser, but it also means that just completing your first dream doesn't make you a winner. For one, dreams can change, but more importantly, you can't win your dreams. You may have wanted to be a lawyer since you were 15 and, when you finally realize that goal, you may think you've succeeded, but what if at some point you realize you would rather be a writer, or something else for which you have an inextinguishable passion becomes apparent to you? Or what if you never really wanted to actually be a lawyer, but you wanted to become what a lawyer represented in your mind, i.e. successful?

There is no winning because following your dreams is not about reaching point A, but living your life in your own way. There is no formula or step-by-step guide for this type of life, but if you let the belief that you can't do something get in the way, then you may end up with some serious regrets.

Stephen Colbert: "After I graduated from here, I moved down to Chicago and did improv. Now, there are very few rules to improvisation, but one of the things I was taught early on is that you are not the most important person in the scene. Everybody else is. And if they are the most important people in the scene, you will naturally pay attention to them and serve them. But the good news is you're in the scene too. So hopefully to them you're the most important person, and they will serve you. No one is leading, you're all following the follower, serving the servant. You cannot win improv. And life is an improvisation. You have no idea what's going to happen next and you are mostly just making things up as you go along.

"And like improv, you cannot win your life.

Even when it might look like you're winning. I have my own show, which I love doing. Full of very talented people ready to serve me. And it's great. But at my best I am serving them just as hard, and together, we serve a common idea, in this case the character Stephen Colbert, who, it's clear, isn't interested in serving anyone. And a sure sign that things are going well is when no one can really remember whose idea was whose, or who should get credit for what jokes. Though naturally I take credit for them all. But if we should serve others, and together serve some common goal or idea for any one of you, what is that idea? And who are those people?

In my experience, you will truly serve only what
you love, because service is love made visible.
If you love friends, you will serve your friends.
If you love community, you will serve your community.
If you love money, you will serve your money.
And if you love only yourself, you will serve
only yourself. And you will have only yourself.

"So no winning. Instead, try to love others and serve others, and hopefully find those who love and serve you in return."

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likely to be front and center in the 2012 campaign, Mitt Romney, the son of a former Michigan governor and one-time presidential candidate, is hoping that his background as a successful businessman and former Massachusetts governor positions him as the most qualified contender to jump-start the nation's economy. His frequent appearances before conservative groups and in the news media have given Mr. Romney opportunities to court crucial conservative support after his unsuccessful campaign for the Republican nomination in 2008. During that bid, some conservatives were skeptical of his convictions, as well as of his Mormon faith.

Rick Santorum-Former United States Senator, Pennsylvania-Background: In 1990, Rick Santorum, then 32, was first elected to the House of Representatives, and four years later rode an anti-incumbent wave into the Senate. He won re-election in 2000, but after a bitter and expensive campaign lost his bid for a third term in 2006 against his Democratic challenger, Bob Casey, the Pennsylvania state treasurer. Mr. Santorum had been the third-ranking Senate Republican, one of his party's fastest-rising stars and a brash favorite among social conservatives. He had a staunchly conservative voting record, and jumped into debates on flashpoint issues like the war in Iraq and same-sex marriage. Since then, Mr. Santorum has worked as a Fox News commentator and written columns for The Philadelphia Inquirer. Challenges: The little name recognition he has beyond Pennsylvania could be the biggest challenge to his presidential aspirations. He could, however, be the choice of social conservatives in Iowa, especially if Sarah Palin declines to run." (http://elections.nytimes.com/2012.primaries/candidates).

Winter 2011-2012 Office of Residential Services

Winter Break

All college owned and leased houses, apartments and residence halls will be closing on Saturday, December 17th, 2011 at 10AM and will re-open Sunday, January 15th, 2012 at 10AM.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with **written** permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a $25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays, including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Tuesday, December 6th.. **Late requests will be subject to a $25.00 fine.** All students must leave no later than 24 hours after their last final. If you have any questions please call Residential Services at x3180.

Happy Holidays!

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Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 7 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The individual was issued a new sticker.

Nov. 7 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of a found student ID card. The student was unable to be contacted. The ID card was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 7 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The individual was issued a new sticker.

Nov. 7 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of a found room key and wallet. Attempts were made to contact the owner. The owner later claimed the item.

Nov. 7 – Found Property – In Moyer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found pair of gloves and eyeglasses. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 7 – Institutional Vandalism – At 407/408 N. 23rd St., there was a report of vandalism. A bathroom door was ripped off its hinges. Residential Services was notified and Plant Operations was notified to repair the door.

Nov. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 7 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found charger. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The charger was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 8 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The individual was issued a new sticker.

Nov. 8 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of found keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 8 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, there was a report of vandalism to a bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 8 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2245 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 8 – Check the Welfare/Locate – In Moyer Hall, second floor, there was a report to check the welfare of a student. The individual was located and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Nov. 8 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found wallet. A message was left for the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The wallet was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 9 – Institutional Vandalism – On campus, there was a report of vandalism by freehand graffiti. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 9 – Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) – At 415 Leh St., there was a report of a vehicle with an excessive amount of tickets and with no registration. A Campus Safety officer immobilized the vehicle. The vehicle was registered, the fees were handled, and a Campus Safety officer later removed the boot.

Nov. 9 – Found Property – On the front drive, there was a report of a found student ID card. The owner was notified and picked up the ID card at the Campus Safety office.

Nov. 9 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The student was issued a new sticker.

Nov. 9 – Injured Student – In Seegers Union, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 9 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, there was report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 9 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further medical treatment or transport.

Nov. 10 – Safety Hazard – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a safety hazard. An unknown individual was throwing bananas in a stairwell. Housekeeping was notified to clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 10 – Larceny/Theft – In Taylor Hall, first floor, there was a report of theft of a bicycle.

Nov. 10 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At the President's House (339 Leh St.), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burning wood. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident. A work order was submitted to have the fireplace checked by Plant Operations.

Nov. 11 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of graffiti. Plant Operations was notified to clean up the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 11 – Found Property – At 414 Albright St., there was a report of a found parking sticker. A message was left with the student to pick up a new sticker at the Campus Safety officer.

Nov. 11 – Grounds Problem – At 325 N. 23rd St. (Hoffman House), there was a report of a large tree limb that broke off and caused damage to nearby property. Plant Operations responded.

Nov. 11 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Shankweiler, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to excessive dust from work being done in the area. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 11 – Electrical Problem – At 2228 Gordon St., there was a report of an electrical problem. An electrician, Diefenderfer, Simplex, and OIT responded. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 11 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found Visa card. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Nov. 11 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found insurance card. The owner was unable to be contacted. The card was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 11 – Lost Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of a lost backpack.

Nov. 11 – Larceny/Theft – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of theft of an Epi Pen from a room. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 11 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. It was also noted that there was a fire safety violation in the room. A smoke detector was covered and candles and drug paraphernalia were present. The alcohol was disposed of and the other items were brought to the Campus Safety office and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 12 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found bank card. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Nov. 12 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost cell phone. The item was later found and returned to the owner.

Nov. 12 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. The student will be cited by Allentown Police Department for Underage Drinking and Possession of a small amount of Marijuana.

Nov. 12 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of both verbal and electronic harassment. The individuals involved were issued letters of no contact. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 13 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found key, purse, student ID card, and debit card. Messages were left with the owners to retrieve the items at the Campus Safety office. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 13 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 13 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the found bottle of liquor. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 13 – Found Property – On Liberty St., there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner later claimed the item.

Nov. 13 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a lost jacket and wallet.

Nov. 13 – Lost Property – At 2259 Turner St., building #1, there was a report of a lost coat.

Nov. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

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and just being back makes me happy. It's kind of like being a prospective student again: I walk down academic row and think about the things I like about campus.

9) **Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?**

Try not to stress so much about how to spend your time. Sure, the four years go by quickly, but you'll be making the most of it no matter which clubs you join or which classes you take. Just do what you want to do! It really can be that simple. If you have the slightest desire to try something new, just do it. No one's going to look down on you if you change your mind. They don't call 'Berg "The Caring College" for nothing.

Frazee at Senior Ball.

Photo Courtesy of Kelly Frazee

Kelly Frazee
Class of 2011
Major: History
Minor: Creative Writing

1) **What is your job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.**

I am a Campaign Assistant for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) in New York City.

I recruit participants and teams for our Light The Night Walk and then I manage their fundraising. I also aid our Senior Staff in the management of our VIP corporate teams by again providing fundraising and recruitment support as well as administrative support. I'm also currently transitioning into working on a new campaign at LLS, Man & Woman of the Year, which is a gala campaign. The work I will be doing is very similar to my role in Light The Night. What I love about my job is that it's not only fast-paced and exciting but I know that it's really making a difference. You meet so many passionate people , working in non-profit whether they're your co-workers or event participants, and its genuinely encouraging to be around people who are so supportive. Plus, I get to build upon the leadership experience I got at Muhlenberg through being involved in Relay For Life, the *Weekly*, and various other extra-curriculars, which is obviously awesome.

> *I wish I could wear jeans and a sweatshirt to work everyday. I wish my office was a five minute walk from my house. I wish my friends were a 30 second walk away from where I was at any moment.*

2) **What is your commute like?**

I take the train into NYC from New Jersey everyday, and my commute is about an hour door-to-door. When everything is running on time and there are no delays it's not all that bad. It's nice to have time to read or just listen to music and relax before and after a busy day at work. Although, to be blunt, when there are delays, it's usually terrible and being stuck on the train is just not fun, not even a little bit.

3) **What has the transition been like from being a student to working full time?**

To be perfectly honest, it's not easy. I thought the transition would go at least a little smoothly because I was moving back home and going back to someplace familiar. But, I realized that my four years at Muhlenberg weren't just some in-between prep years to get me ready for what everyone jokes about as "real life." Muhlenberg *became* life during those years-it's where my best friends were/where some still are; it's where you learn more than you ever think you will about yourself and about what you want; I could just go on and on. Essentially, when I graduated I felt like I was leaving family. On a less depressed note, I'm definitely getting more used to working full-time and kind of starting life all over again as time goes on. I'm finding that staying busy is what helps with that. My job definitely takes care of that for me, but the other important thing is to remember to not make your job your life. After college it gets so much harder to see your friends since they're not right next door anymore, or to just get out of your pajamas on Saturday because all you want to do is live on the couch after a busy week at work. I've found that it's so important to find that balance, and once I did, it was a lot easier to handle the transition.

Kelly and Jillian at graduation in May 2011

Photo Courtesy of Jillian Bevacqua

4) **Do you plan in going back to school to get an advance degree? If yes, in what?**

Definitely! I plan on going to graduate school starting in either the Fall of 2012 or the Fall of 2013 to get my Masters in Public Health. I'm in the middle of the application process now!

5) **What are tips you would give to students looking for jobs?**

Network. I know you're all probably sick of hearing people tell you that (I know I was), but it's true. I would absolutely not have my job today at LLS if I weren't in touch with one of my friends who graduated from Muhlenberg in 2008 and who with I did Colleges Aganist Cancer and Relay For Life with. She works at LLS as well and told me about the position. So I sent her my resume and cover letter, and everything worked out perfectly! Just think about everyone you know-alumni, your professors, your coaches, your boss, etc. It doesn't even matter if they aren't in the field that you want to go into. Chances are, there is someone in their network who can get who where you want to go. So contact everyone you know and ask if they would be willing to pass along your resume to their contacts. I've also been finding that people recognize the name Muhlenberg. They know it's a great school whose graduates are qualified and ready to get out in the world, so you can breathe easy knowing that you're already a step ahead! All of that being said, feel free to email me (frazee.kelly@gmail.com) or find me on Facebook if you need networking help, I'm more than thrilled to help!

6) **Are there any classes you would suggest that seniors take before they graduate?**

Well, I loved both my major and my minor but my all-time favorite class at Muhlenberg was Mind & Brain with Dr. Teissere. It was a terrific class that challenged me more than most of my other classes, and I quickly realized that I could apply what I was learning to most, if not all, other things that I was involved in, including extra-curriculars and my other classes. I find myself using my knowledge of the various states of the mind, language, selfhood, attention, and the other topics covered in this class, almost on a daily basis. I gained an understanding of social behavior in this class that I've been finding is particularily helpful for work when I'm cultivating relationships with both participants and potential donors. It's the perfect example of the effectiveness of the interdisciplinary approach that Muhlenberg place, so much necessary emphasis on!

7) **Is there something you appreciate about Muhlenberg now that you are no longer a student?**

Absolutely! I wish I could wear jeans and a sweatshirt to work every day. I wish my office was a five minute walk from my house. I wish my friends were a 30 second walk away from where I was at any moment. I could honestly go on forever about all of the little things that I took for granted when I was at Muhlenberg. Short answer: If I could, I would go back to being a Muhlenberg student in an instant.

8) **What do you miss most about being on campus?**

EVERYTHING! I think the last question got at a few things, but I really just miss being there in general. I've been back a few times since May and if I had to pick one word to describe how I feel when I visit, it would be happy. Just plain and simple happiness. Ask anyone, I literally cannot stop smiling when I visit.

9) **Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?**

Just have fun. Four years goes by in a flash, and you don't have any time to waste. I'm not saying go out every night, cut class, and neglect all of your homework and responsibilities, because that would be the very opposite of a good idea. I'm just saying make the most of it and don't worry about every little thing. It's not worth the stress. You have so many people around you who care about you and want to see you succeed. Take time to build those relationships, to get to know people, and to just enjoy every minute. The most important thing? Get involved on campus. All of my closest friends are from a club I was in or from a job I held on campus, etc., and I'm so grateful for every opportunity I had at Muhlenberg. One last piece of advice: when you're in over your head, know that it's okay to quit. You have to take care of yourself, because if you're super-stressed all of the time, you'll have a hard time getting the most out of your Muhlenberg experience.

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MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Muhlenberg stresses safety belt awareness

By Miryam Strassberg

Safety Belt Awareness Week was held on Muhlenberg's campus last week from November 17 through 22. The entire idea behind this program was to get students, staff and faculty more aware of the necessity for wearing seat belts. Currently Pennsylvania has no seat belt law, just a helmet law for motorcyclists. New Jersey, New York and Maryland all have such laws, and there are fines for people caught without seat belts on.

Over the summer Catherine Stewart, Director of Media Services here at Muhlenberg, met up with and befriended senior physics major Neil McAslan. The two talked and discovered they had something in common—the idea that seat belts are extremely important for a person's safety. Neil's father was a pioneer in trauma medicine in the late 1960's and early 70's. He was greatly involved with the promotion of safety belts and helmets for the driver's safety. Furthermore, he was from Scotland, and Great Britain and Europe, for the most part, have laws stating that seat belts must be worn. Neil himself worked in one of these trauma centers, which are designed for critically injured people involved in accidents. Basically, if the person looks beyond hope and near death, he or she is taken to a trauma center. Neil said that since he's seen the consequences of not wearing seat belts, he recognizes the importance of using them. "Not one person [patient] in the center had actually been wearing their seat belt."

Cathy Stewart has even a more personal reason for her involvement. A little over two years ago, August of 1984, she was involved in a serious car accident and nearly died. She was hit head-on by a drunk driver while driving home one night. She was not wearing her safety belt, and her injuries were extremely severe. "I broke just about every bone in my body that could be broken, except my legs." She broke her face in nine places, shattered her pelvis, broke both arms, broke one foot, and literally had no pulse at all for over fifteen minutes when the paramedics came. She spent a long time in a trauma center waiting to heal fully. Stewart now wants others to know the dangers involved in not wearing seat belts. She feels it is a preventive measure against ending up in a trauma unit.

Now enter the Muhlenberg Wellness Department. Connie Kunda had been trying for years to do something to promote wearing safety belts. She feels that it is one measure of healthy living. When she heard about Stewart's intentions, she and the Wellness Department decided to cosponsor the week's activities with Media Services.

The awareness week started Monday with a guest lecturer, Scott Geller. He is a psychologist and safety belt advocate. Throughout the week, videos on loan from the U.S. Department of Transportation were shown. The videos showed Public Service

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Honor code discussion highlights first Student Body meeting

By Eric Obernauer

The first Student Body Meeting of the 1986-1987 academic year was called to order last Wednesday night at 7:02 p.m. The forum, which was moderated by Student Council President Kevin Swill, was held primarily to allow for an airing of views regarding the present Academic Behavior Code.

Basically, the Academic Behavior Code—or Honor Code, as it is commonly called—stipulates that no student shall engage in any activity pertaining to his or her academic work that could be considered cheating. Such activities would typicallyl include, but not be limited to, collaboration on one's work that is not one's own, and copying test answers from other students. The Honor Code also requires any student who observes or knows of such dishonest behavior on another student's part to report the violation to the appropriate instructor. The Honor Code also operates on the premise that, as adults who have chosen to attend college, all students here are fully mature and are responsible enough to faithfully abide by the Collegs's academic regulations.

Kathy Kulaga

Andrea Dowhower, Kevin Swill, and Randi Schweriner, representatives of Student Council, listen to student concerns at the recent student body meeting.

Unfortunately, many now believe that although the Honor Code sounds good in theory, it has failed in practice. At last Wednesday's meeting, many students frankly and openly shared their experiences in and out of the classroom regarding violations of the Honor Code. The question of whether to even continue to have an Honor Code was brought up and discussed. Several students told of having observed cheating in class, and more than one person's story was an account of cheating that had taken place as recently as less than a week before. "It made me sick" was how one person described what he had seen. Yet, everyone agreed that they were unwilling to take the risk of reporting these violations.

> ***"The bottom line is that all of us here are supposed to be mature, and by now, we ought to be capable of functioning responsibly in a college environment.***
> ***—Randi Schweriner '87***

There were many who felt strongly that, if the Honor Code has been such a failure, then the only sensible policy that remains is not to have an Honor Code at all. Despite the differences of opinion, however, the consensus was that the college should continue to operate on an Honor Code, but that major changes must be made.

The one point that most were agreed on was that professors as well as students must take responsibility for enforcing the Honor Code. Other suggestions were to have students sign a pledge to abide by the Honor Code at the beginning of each semester in order to keep them aware of their academic obligations in this particular area. Still, as one person put it, "The teachers have to start playing a part in enforcing the Honor Code, too. It is simply not fair for a professor to walk out of the room during a final examination for an hour at a time and leave us with the

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'Berg hosts Great American Smokeout

By Lori Mortimer

In conjunction with the American Cancer Society, the Wellness Department sponsored The Great American Smokeout on yesterday at Muhlenberg. According to Connie Kunda of the Wellness Department, the basic premise of this national campaign was to convince smokers to give up their habit for 24 hours in hopes that this would then stimulate them to quit all together.

The smokeout worked in the following way. A non-smoker on campus chose a friend or colleague who smokes and adopted him or her for one day (Thursday). Both parties signed "adoption papers" where the smoker pledged to quit for 24 hours and the non-smoker agreed to give his support to the adoptee.

On Thursday, smokers who joined the smokeout were given a "survival kit" of candy, raisins, and gum which was provided by the American Cancer Society. They were also given a "six-day countdown" with tips on how to stop smoking. The tips advised smokers to throw away all cigarettes, hide all matches and ashtrays, and to drink lots of liquids (preferably not coffee or alcohol because many smokers associate these two with smoking). The non-smokers who adopted smokers were advised not to nag or threaten their adoptees, but to keep in contact with them all day. Kunda said that non-smokers should "stimulate smokers to find their own way to quit." "If the smokers can give it up for one day, they can give it up totally," added Wellness intern Valerie Geissler.

In addition, in order to help gain interest and provide incentive in the smokeout, Ossie Davis of M.W. Wood Food Service offered two fifteen-pound turkeys which were raffled off. One turkey was awarded to a non-smoker who strived to keep his adoptee from smoking, while the other turkey went to a smoker who tried to give up cigarettes for at least a day. Since this was the ten-year anniversary of the Great American Smokeout, Ossie provided a birthday cake in its honor. The Wellness Department, along with such supporters as Ossie Davis and Valerie Geissler, helped The American Cancer Society try to eliminate what the U.S. Public Health Service deems,"the largest single unnecessary and preventable cause of illness and early death."

Greatly concerned with this issue, the American Cancer Society wishes to "help you quit smoking" by offering the Fresh Start Program at Muhlenberg next semester. The program consists of four one-hour sessions led by trained ex-smokers from the American Cancer Society, held during a two-week period. More than 33 million Americans have quit smoking, and the Fresh Start Program is trying to convince others to join this group.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."
- Oscar Wilde

Holiday Season 2012

By Natalie Weiss
Life Writer

The holiday and formal seasons are upon us and it is time to choose your wardrobe wisely. Ruby reds, golds, sterling silvers, and emerald greens are all great colors to work with. Also, as Rachel Zoe recommends, "black and white and chic all over." Colors are very important when choosing that perfect dress or shoe for this season's occasion.

As far as textures are concerned, silk, satin, sequins, velvet, and metallic mesh always look lovely. Popular lengths for dresses are just above or just below the knee. This season is not the time to go to high or too low. V-necks and halters are wonderful ways to plummet. Moreover, try to lay low on the accessories. The only thing you need is a clutch.

Khaki pants are not in

Photo Courtesy of www.google.com

Wear an emerald green halter this season

Photo Courtesy of www.Zimbio.com

Finally, the fashion secret is out: renttherunway.com, a website devoted to giving everyone the "runway look," has every designer from Nicole Miller to Herv Leger. If shipping and handling can be a bit much, try a friend's outfit on and give it a go. However, make sure you have the same coloring.

For men, this may be difficult to take in, but kahkis are not in this season. Please do not make the mistake of wearing khaki pants and a sports jacket to a formal occasion during the holidays as it is a huge fashion disaster waiting to happen. Save it for the Spring.

Also, now is the time to put those fancy ties that seem to be wasting space in your closet t good use. Ties can make or break an outfit. For example, lace ties (yes they exist and I have seen men wear them) really do outfits justice, while a cartoon-decked tie makes a complete mess. Tie it in the traditional Full Windsor for the occasion.

As far as shoes, bring out the buckle loafer or wing-tipped Oxford, usually in brown or black. There has been much debate regarding whether or not wearing jeans with a sports coat should be included in the holiday season. While this is a personal choice, the consensus seems to be that it is a fashion no-no. Finally, aim for a professional and festive appearance.

Tis the season to look fabulous.

Should we use GPA to determine class selection times?

By Ryan Lee
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

It's a common cause of contention among students that the way in which the administration decides to facilitate course selection is not effective. The whole idea of plaing specific last name ranges in specific time slots, which rotate a certain number of blocks each semester, seems bizarre to many students.

But what is to be done about it? What could the administration do to expedite the process while minimizing the stress placed on students? Well, there are many proposed solutions.

Determining who registers for classes when based upon GPA rather than alphabetical order of last name is one of the more radical solutions.

On the surface, at least to me personally, this seems like a thoughtful resolution. Intuitively speaking, I think it makes sense that people who perform better in their classes care more about their academics than those who do not perform as well, and therefore those who care more should have preferential choice over their schedules.

Nevertheless, a very strong argument could be made in opposition to this idea. There is no clear causal relationship that exists between academic performance and how much someone cares about his/her work, one might retort. Some students may work very hard academically, but still not succeed. Should they be punished for their inability to achieve the same GPA as one who is very gifted and does not have to work at all to receive a superlative GPA? To this, a GPA supporter may contend that those people who work very hard but don;t do very well don't deserve to be in college, no matter how unfair this may seem.

Of course, this back-and-forth could go on for a while, without much success at a resolution to the problem. It would quickly become a question of personal beliefs - what you think are the criteria for "belonging in college" - which is not a debate that I can solve in a simple article like this.

A less dramatic propostion would be to maintain the current system of dividing up the classes alphabetically, with one small catch: make the distribution completely random rather than stringently determined beforehand. This would make the process far fairer for most of the students, with notable exceptions, those who consistently are placed at the end of the rotation. I suppose that that would simply be a risk that must be taken.

Needless to say, this resolution would create far less of a backlash among those who advocated for the "little guy," as those who would morally object to the GPA idea would espouse in their protection of those who try hard but don't always succeed. The small change doesn't stir ethical objections as the more radical idea. Which is more viable, however, is not something I can honestly say. That will be something for the people who determine these sorts of things, although I must admit I am ignorant about who those people actually are.

One thing is for certain, and this I can say with confidence: something must be done to right the current state of class selection at the College. As it stands, it is not the best it can be.

A frustrated student

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Ask the Panda Girl: *The Weekly*'s advice column

The Panda Girl

Dear Panda Girl

My grandpa hasn't been doing so great lately. He's been in the hospital a while now, and we're starting to think he may not make it very much longer.

Every time my cell rings and I see it's my parents, I get that gut-wrenching jolt of panic that it might be THE call. Plus, I'm worried I might get called in class. I don't want to miss it. I've never lost anyone close to me before and I'm terrified.

- Mourning in the Morning

Dear Mourning-

I'm very sorry to hear about your grandfather. This in-between, questioning time is hard on everyone involved, and I send my deepest condolences to you and your family.

You are lucky, however, to have this time to mentally prepare for what is to come. You are expecting that fateful call, and can be ready when it comes.

In the mean time, try and think of the good times with your grandfather. Maybe that one year on Thanksgiving when he spilled the gravy or when you visited him and he gave you an unexpected birthday present.

Death and funerals are a time to celebrate life as much as lament loss. Celebrate and be glad about all of the time you have had with your grandfather. If you can, you may want to spend a weekend visiting him not to say goodbye, but to say hello. Say hello and smile, let him know you love him.

Also, if you really want to be sure you answer your phone, even in class, talk to your professors. Tell them you are expecting a very serious phone call, and will only leave if it is the call you are expecting. Tell them you are worried about your grandfather. The professors should understand. When you do get that sad phone call, I strongly suggest getting together with a friend and having a good cry.

Get all that shock and pain out, do not hold it in. Find your best friend and cry on their shoulder. It can be immensely helpful just to have someone pat your back and say, "It'll be okay."

I was very lucky, when my grandmother passed away, to have someone to do so for me. I may have ruined his shirt with saltwater tears, but it was the best way to handle the pain. Stay strong. Allow yourself to be sad, but try not to wallow in it. It is important to mourn; it is a necessary part of the grieving process. But the next step is to continue with life. After all, the dead never truly leave us.

Whether you are a religious person or not, those lost are still with us, either watching over us from heaven or alive within those who loved them. You are your grandfather's grandchild, a legacy, someone to carry on his spirit.

All my warmest thoughts to you,
The Panda Girl

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This Weekend on Campus

Thursday, November 17, 2011
1) Zumba Gold from 12:10 pm to 12:40 pm at LSC Field House

2) George Condo Presentation from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Seegers Union Rm. #111

3) *Moving Stories* from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Baker Theatre

Friday, November 18, 2011
1) Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Memorial Hall/Field House

2) Muhlenberg Ice Hockey game from 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm at The Rink

3) *Moving Stories* from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Baker Theatre

Saturday, November 19, 2011
1) Traveling Exhibition: "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965" all day at Trexler Library

2) *Moving Stories* from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Baker Theatre

3) Karaoke with the Dynamics from 9:00 pm to 10:30 pm at the Red Door

Sunday, November 20, 2011
1) Traveling Exhibition: "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965" all day at Trexler Library

2) Hillel Student Board Meeting from 5:00 pm tp 6:30 pm at Hillel

3) Roman Catholic Mass from 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Chapel

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Shut out finale

By Eric Dolber
Sports Writer

The Mules seniors went out with a bang as they defeated their Lehigh Valley rival, Moravian College, 28-0 on a perfect autumn day for football this past Saturday at Scotty Wood Stadium. This was the Mules fourth shutout in the past ten meetings against Moravian, and with this win they clinched second place in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules offense started with two three-and-outs but would later try to put some points on the scoreboard later on in the first quarter. They drove 81 yards and took the lead when Sophomore Joe Carlucci connected with Junior Wide Receiver Marcus Toomey on a 12-yard touchdown with less than 2 minutes left in the quarter.

Now it was Muhlenberg's defense to rise to the occasion. On Moravian's sixth play in the second quarter, Senior Chris Hartzell picked off the Greyhounds and went 34 yards for the touchdown to give the Mules a commanding 14-0 lead.

Moravian's defense thought they gave their offense a momentum changer of their own as they picked off the Mules for a touchdown. However, this touchdown was nullified, as there was an illegal block in the back penalty. They still had the ball deep in the Mules' territory, but there was another penalty called on the Greyhounds. The Mules would later force a turnover on downs to keep the score 14-0 at halftime.

There was no scoring in the third quarter, but the offense looked to seal the deal in the fourth. Junior Runningback Terrence Dandridge ran for 12 yards in the first play and then Junior Quarterback Dan Deighan connected with Junior John Gruver on a 30-yard touchdown as the mules went up 21-0.

On Moravian's next possession, a high snap was thrown over their quarterback's head and Senior Matt Musick recovered it at the Greyhound's 10. The Mules would respond with another touchdown as Dandridge scored from three yards out to give the Mules a 28-0 victory.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Football
(7-3, 7-2 CC)
11/12 vs. Moravian W 28-0

Wrestling
Ursinus Fall Brawl
Non Scoring

Home season begins with 30th Annual Scotty Wood Tournament

By Jeremy Fuchs
Sports Writer

Two pre-season All-Americans, two defending conference champions and a recent "Final Four" team will be among the headliners in the 30th Annual Scotty Wood Tournament, which tips off the home basketball season this Friday and Saturday.

The preseason All-Americans, Senior Alexandra Chili and Senior Spencer Liddic, are from the Muhlenberg teams, and both took home MVP honors at last year's Scotty Wood Tournament. The Mules swept the Scotty Wood titles for the fifth time in 2010 but have yet to accomplish that feat in back-to-back years.

The Muhlenberg women, who have never lost a first-round Scotty Wood Tournament game, went 23-6, won the Centennial Conference championship and advanced to the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Tournament last year. They are ranked 19th and 20th in the two national preseason polls, and their opening game is against Shenandoah, 12-14 last year.

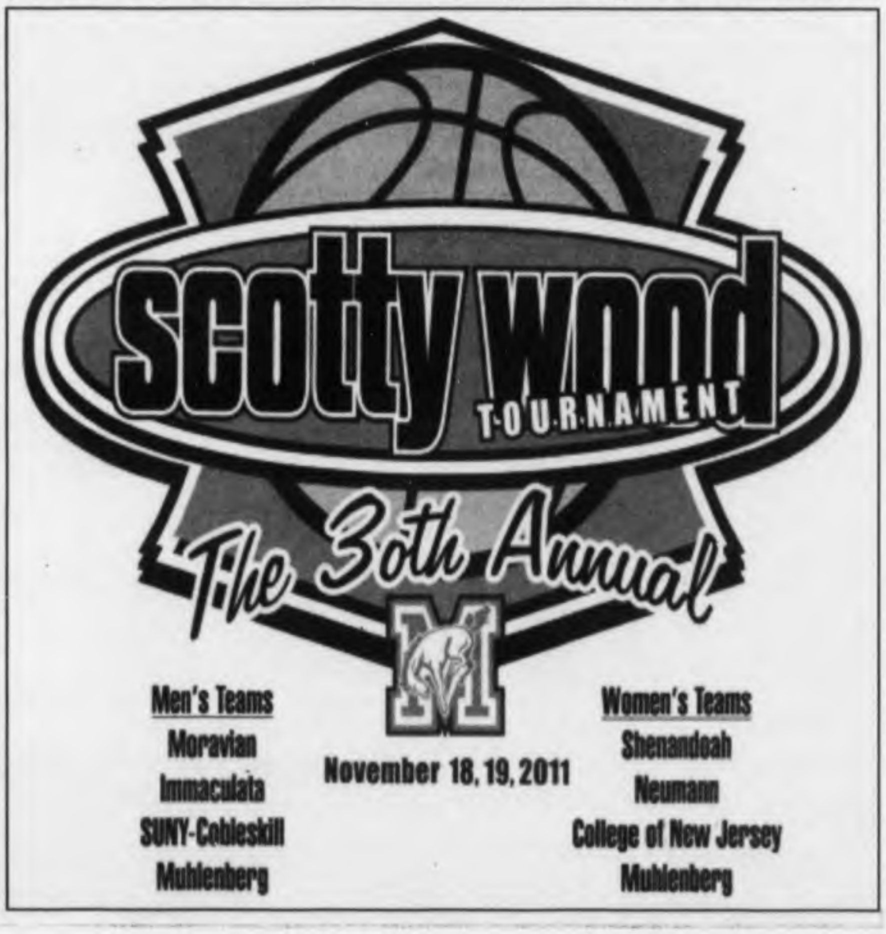
The other first-round women's matchup is between Neumann and The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). Neumann was 20-8 last winter, winning its second consecutive Colonial States Athletic Conference championship before falling to Lebanon Valley in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. TCNJ finished only 14-11 last season, but was a 2009 national semifinalist and was labeled a "dark horse" in the New Jersey Athletic Conference preseason poll.

One of Neumann's assistant coaches is Nikki Duggan, sister of Muhlenberg volleyball player and women's basketball manager Morgan Duggan.

Of the four teams in the men's field, Muhlenberg had the best record last year, going 13-12 and narrowly missing the CC playoffs. The Mules were picked second in the CC preseason poll and will open the Scotty Wood Tournament against SUNY Cobleskill (10-16), a team that has made three straight North Eastern Athletic Conference playoff appearances but has 13 newcomers on its 16-man roster.

Immaculata (10-16) and Moravian (9-16) square off in the other first-round game. Moravian is making its 12th Scotty Wood Tournament appearance and has won the title three times.

Former Muhlenberg men's coach Dave Madeira will receive the Scotty Wood Tournament Community Service Award at halftime of the 8:00 p.m. game on Friday. The "winningest" coach in the College's athletic history, Madeira compiled a record of 311-247 in 22 seasons before retiring following the 2008-09 season.



“We are...despicable”: The Penn State tragedy

By Joy Forlenza
Weekly Sports Editor

There’s a black cloud mushrooming, getting darker by the day, spreading, widening, growing tentacles that strengthen and deepen, its influence increasing, grabbing a town, an institution, a way of life by the neck, squeezing, choking the breath out of what was once king, out of what was once good and right, until it begins to see the valley of the shadow of death.

That’s the thing about clouds of morality. They never stop. They never waver. They never fall to the curbside, a forgotten aside overshadowed by a career of dignity, of values.

Morality doesn't care about the chain of command, about telling your bosses and then washing your hands, even if that was legally right. Because morality doesn't place itself within the black and white of the law. It’s the gray area, the undefined, the unexplainable:

There can be no words to describe the horrors of what former Penn State Defensive Coordinator Jerry Sandusky did. Words give life to what he did. We refuse to do that. Sandusky is a vile, insidious disease, one that deserves to rot in jail long after the sun goes down. Sandusky is the worst kind of assailant; he used a charity for at-risk youth to find his victims.

The crime is terrible and horrible, spine-chilling, and blood-curdling. There’s no other way around it. Reading the Grand Jury indictment will make you nauseous.

We know the crime is abhorrent. But whenever there is a crime, there is only one thing that makes it worse: a cover-up

Nixon would not have resigned if it weren’t for the cover-up. The powers that be can distance themselves from the crime, blaming whatever happened on a lowly underling, a rogue assistant, one who does not represent the values of the institution. That’s easy.

But there’s a certain humility, a certain dignity it takes in admitting when one is wrong. It’s not easy to take that extra step. A cover-up keeps your dignity in tact. Because no one’s going to find out nothing bad's going to happen. The bigger the lie, the more they believe.

But cover-ups always come crashing down. Eventually, the other shoe drops. This is no different. The Grand Jury indictment came out and complicit were: the President, the Athletic Director, and Head Coach Joe Paterno.

An assistant coach told Paterno about Sandusky’s actions. Paterno then told the Athletic Director, which is standard procedure for any NCAA violation. But the rulebook was written for recruiting violations, for things like texting a recruit when you’re not supposed to. The rulebook doesn’t cover child rape.

Did Paterno do what was legally right? In the minds of the NCAA, sure. But this is not about legality. This is about the victims whose lives have been ineradicably changed, who did nothing wrong but will spend the rest of their lives thinking they did. This is about letting a child rapist hang around. Yes, Sandusky retired to focus on his “charity” but still had access to Penn State facilities. He was, essentially, an employee. And they knew about his dark side, his evil, malicious, sick side. And they let it go on.

Paterno deserved to be fired. Because the first thing he should have done was call the police, not the Athletic Director. He is an enabler of child rape. That will live on in his conscience forever. How there could be any outrage over his dismissal is beyond me. That some thought he deserved to be fired in person, not over the phone, is beyond me. Paterno didn't commit the crimes that Sandusky did, but he enabled them. He is an accomplice, allowing Sandusky to pursue his sadistic, horrifying acts.

Penn State used to mean something. Paterno used to mean something. Something bigger than football. It was about molding young men, about teaching character, and making men not just successful on the football field, but off of it. Penn State used to be what was right in college athletics.

Now it is just a sick culture of corruption, of crime and indecency, of institutional recklessness that stood by as children were getting raped. There is no accountability. And most of all, Penn State was just a ruse. They were never about character. They were never about molding young men. They were about football. And only football. Flawed men cannot teach character.

Penn State is a failed institution. Their storied history will be forever tarnished, a black mark that grows by day and darkens by night. An institution that stands idly by as children are getting raped cannot be a success story.

Criminals are awful. They detract from society. But all along the highway of life, there are chances for people to stop criminals from doing more. There are chances to do what’s right, to make things better. Penn State had that opportunity. They had the chance to take a menace off the streets. They had the chance to live up to their standards, to be heroes. Sandusky wouldn't be a part of Penn State’s legacy. He would be an ugly footnote, but just that.

Now, Sandusky is forever intertwined with Penn State. This is what happens in a cover-up. It involves more people and links them all together in a web of lies and deceit. Penn State had a chance to rise above that web. Now it lies upon them forever.

I don’t know what happens next. I do know that Sandusky will rot in jail for the rest of his natural life. That’s a given. Will Paterno face criminal charges? I’m not sure, but I would lean towards no. In the court of public opinion, however, he should be imprisoned. Was he a great coach? Yes. But, this life offers maybe one chance to prove your worth. And in this great test, Paterno failed. Penn State failed. They sat twiddling their thumbs, content with doing what was asked of them, not what was required of them as humans, while kids were being raped. They didn't speak up. This will be forever stained on their conscience.

And meanwhile, we have eight victims, maybe more, whose lives could’ve been protected. And they weren’t. And Paterno and Penn State will have to live with that forever.

Upcoming Games

Men’s Basketball
11/18 vs. SUNY Cobleskill
11/19 vs TBD
11/20 at Gettysburg

Women’s Basketball
11/18 vs Shenandoah
11/19 vs TBD
11/20 at Gettysburg

Women’s Cross Country
11/19 NCAA Championships

Scotty Wood Tournament Schedule
11/18
Neumann vs New Jersey (women)
Moravian vs Immaculata (men)
Muhlenberg vs Shenandoah (women)
Muhlenberg vs SUNY Cobleskill (men)

11/19
Women’s Consolation
Men’s Consolation
Women’s Championship
Men’s Championship

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The history of the Scotty Wood Tournament

By Joy Forlenza
Weekly Sports Editor

As you may know, the 30th Annual Scotty Wood Tournament is coming up this weekend. This year's tournament will be especially important because it is the first tournament that will be played in memory of Bob Wood, in addition to his father Scotty Wood.

Bob Wood, a long-time trustee and friend of the College, passed away on Oct. 29. He served as a long-time chair of Muhlenberg's annual men's and women's basketball tournament, the Scotty Wood Tournament. The tournament was created in honor of M.W. "Scotty" Wood for his infinite contributions to Muhlenberg, including the first provided meal service. The Wood Company now operates as part of our current meal provider, the Sodexo Group.

Even students who generally don't follow Muhlenberg sports are familiar with the Scotty Wood Tournament. It has been one of the most marketable events on campus over the past 30 years. Every year, a 12-student committee from a Muhlenberg marketing management, class professors, and other interested students run publicity campaigns, sell merchandise, hold raffles, and plan meals and events to promote the tournament.

The Scotty Wood Tournament has evolved from a few simple basketball games into a weekend extravaganza. Some people even refer to it as "Scotty Wood Weekend." The basketball series started in 1982 as the "Muhlenberg Tip-Off Tournament." Back then it was a quality-men's event run only by a few people. It was a nice attempt at being a sports fundraiser, but it lacked major sponsorship and community backing, until Muhlenberg decided to get the Wood food-service management company involved.

Scotty Wood, the retired president of the Wood Company, had strong ties to the Muhlenberg basketball teams of the 1940s. Therefore Bob Wood, being Scotty's son, took it upon himself to resurrect the bond between the Wood Company and the Muhlenberg basketball team.

Bob Wood's leadership and ideas drew in large crowds and substantial proceeds, much of which has been raised by corporate and individual support. Many different contributions to the College have been made as a result of the money raised from this tournament, from the newest sound system in Memorial Hall to the special needs of the Athletic Department. It has also helped send Muhlenberg teams to play in tournaments across America and in Europe.

President Helm is quoted on the Muhlenberg website as saying, "Muhlenberg College has lost a great friend. The college has been associated with the Wood family over a period spanning eight decades."

With that said, this is more than any ordinary basketball tournament. It represents the lives of two innovative community leaders and philanthropists whose contributions largely embody the "caring" side of the Muhlenberg community.

Please come to the Scotty Wood Tournament this weekend on Fri. Nov. 18 and Sat. Nov. 19. Check our "Upcoming Games" section for the complete schedule.

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Muhlenberg community extends enthusiastic welcome to new Chaplain, Reverend Callista Isabelle

BY JENNIFER FREED
NEWS EDITOR

On Mon., Dec. 5th, President Helm announced the appointment of Muhlenberg's new College Chaplain.

After searching for a replacement, with the well-liked John Bernstein temporarily aiding all facets of our school, we can now officially welcome Reverend Callista Isabelle. She is currently Associate University Chaplain at Yale University, and we know she will contribute a great deal to our community as well. Isabelle will join us effective Mon., Feb. 13, 2012.

Reverend Callista Isabelle is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College and earned a certificate from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and her Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity School. An ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), she has participated in several ELCA Global Mission Events and has extensive experience in campus ministry at both Gustavus Adolphus and Yale. She is married to Geoff Isabelle, of New Haven, Connecticut. Amidst the very lengthy and careful search for a new Chaplain, Isabelle made a distinct positive impression on members of the committee, and the many other students, faculty, and staff who participated in the on-campus interview process. While getting to know Isabelle, these representatives of our community found a sense of comfort in her intellect, empathy, energy, and enthusiasm. In a newsletter sent out by President Helm, he noted that these members in particular admired and appreciated Isabelle's "keen and immediate grasp" of our community's values and the importance of interfaith dialogue and collaboration at Muhlenberg.

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In preparation for making a decision, President Helm found that there were only positive comments expressed about Revered Callista Isabelle. Muhlenberg's religious life staff explained that Isabelle combined confidence and conviction in her clear respect for others. In particular, they expressed her enthusiasm as being "contagious."

Reverend Callista Isabelle

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When students were asked to speak about the chosen Reverend, they pointed out her humility and aura of professionalism and compassion. Immediately, they recognized her as a trust-worthy asset to the school. One student said, "It seemed everything she spoke about was a concern of ours ... her desire to be a presence on campus and her role as a resource working for the students' good." Another exclaimed, "Not only was she perceptive and articulate, but also she was genuinely optimistic, compassionate, and excited to embrace our ideas." Faculty and staff also admired her passion to preserve the school's energy and reawaken spirituality on campus.

In his recent announcement President Helm wanted to offer special thanks to the search committee that worked so hard, beginning late last summer, to review and assess candidate profiles, check references, participate in off-campus interviews, recruit other student, faculty, and staff to participate in the campus visits by finalists, and to complete all the other work that an effective search committee must accomplish. He pointed out that they did this work diligently and with good cheer, meeting an aggressive deadline for the successful completion of the search.

The search committee included: Chris Sistare (Philosophy), Christine Ingersoll Fermier (Chemistry), Ken Butler (President's Office), Beth Halpern (Community Service/Civic Engagement), Chris Hooker-Haring (Admissions), Rodwin Lowe (Development), Patricia Mittleman (Religious Life), Kadeem Alston-Roman '12, Michelle Rossi '13, Dan Attori '12, Greg Adams '05, Alumni Board member Rev. Peggy Wuertele, ELCA Region 7 Coordinator for Ministry Leadership, Erin Fenstermacher, Anne Speck, Vice President for Human Resources, and especially Interim Chaplain, John Bernstein, who has agreed to extend his service through Feb. 12 to ensure a seamless transition.

We look forward to welcoming Reverend Callista Isabelle to the Muhlenberg community and are excited to see what she has in store for this college.

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Should we be concerned about our safety?

This past weekend a College student's laptop was stolen in the library, which as most of us consider very uncharacteristic of the "Muhlenbubble." Or is it?

Most of us at the College have a perception that the "Muhlenbubble" is a very safe place, and we should not be very concerned about our safety. However, after hearing about this we were quickly reminded of the past few months where there were quite a few robberies on and around campus. These recent events have changed the perception of how we view safety on the campus. Therefore, this made us question exactly how safe we are at the College, raising some concerns.

In general, the College is a very safe place, however that does not mean that bad things do not happen. It is very important for all students to be well aware of their surroundings at all times. Also, students should not leave valuables unattended anywhere around campus, regardless of how inconvenient it might be to bring your items with you even just to go the bathroom or make a quick phone call. Additionally, students should not walk around campus by themselves at night. Campus Safety is more than willing to give students a ride back to their dorms or wherever they might be going on campus, so do not hesitate to call them.

We know that being on campus and involved in academics and extracurricular activities can be overwhelming; it is very easy to forget that there is life outside the "Muhlenbuble." However, it is very important to try our best to bear in mind that our beloved" Muhlenbubble" is in the middle of the city of Allentown. There are a lot of men,women, and children, who continue to live, work, and go to school while the semester is in session, and therefore, we need to be aware of our surroundings at all times to ensure that we stay safe and no other college students have problems regarding their safety.

You can still be free to take part in all your activities, just be careful.

The great escape

By Evan Kasakove
Co-News Editor

I enjoy TV and I think most people do to. I would find it a little weird if you didn't like TV. You have to have at least one show you watch or many shows you flip through transiently. There is something universal and at the same time completely individual about watching TV and that I find interesting. Why do we watch TV and do people watch TV for the same or different reasons?

The simple answer is we watch TV because it is fun and enjoyable; it's not reading a book. That answer is a major part of the universal attraction, but it also superficial. To understand why a person watches TV you must know how that person watches TV. Does that person watch TV mostly with their family or friends, or always alone? Do they watch a little each day or a lot every day? Do they watch the news, *Glee, Dancing with the Stars*, *The Walking Dead*, *Jersey Shore*, or all of them? TV can range from a distraction to an escape, from healthy to unhealthy.

I mentioned that TV is both universal and individual because TV is one of those things that everyone does, but individually; it also says a lot about a person, maybe more than you might think. This really isn't for the people who use TV only for getting information, as that is only a tiny fraction of TV watchers. And this probably isn't for people who just watch TV occasionally for a nice break from the rigors of the day or a few shows ardently or for the pleasure you get from watching facile people do facile things. It's for the people who watch so much TV or in such a way that reality and TV become indistinguishable, where TV doesn't become a mere distraction but an escape from reality.

TV is fundamentally an escape, but it doesn't have to be a harmful one. When we watch a show we attribute meaning to the plot and the characters by relating them to ourselves and our life situations. And that is how we get hooked because it seems so real. TV can transform your beliefs and personality if you believe it is real and, in a way, isn't it? I know it's actors playing fictional characters in front of cameras (reality TV is and does something different), but how is this any different from everyday life? People each day pretend to be something they are not, except there are no cameras, just people's judgment.

Maybe they are eerily similar, but I know firsthand this is not the best way to perceive TV and thus reality.

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Follow the leader

By Joshua Clement
Op/Ed Writer

If one searches the internet, they may come across things both disturbing and profound. One day I came across what must be the most glorious place on the internet. It is a harbinger of truth that must be experienced by everyone to learn the true ways of the world. The website I am speaking of is the homepage for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which is more commonly known as North Korea. I had no idea that what I had taken for common knowledge was in fact, false. History had kept me in the dark; that there was one man with uncommon knowledge who was willing to be the leader for the free world. I can't name him in a better way than his website's biography does: Great Man Kim Jong Il. (Note: When I am saying something that has bad grammar, it is because I pulled the line directly from the website.)

Leader Kim Jong Il is possessed of an unusual ideological and theoretical wisdom that is originated from his innate gifts. How can we overlook this amazing power that this man has? He was literally born with theoretical wisdom and an unusual ideological something… Not only was he born with these things, but he is possessed by them. We can truly understand Kim Jong Il if we can look at him with the correct lens that this website presents us with.

He is not acting out of choice; his life has been determined from the start. A true revolutionary does not choose to revolt; he is possessed by the revolt. He can do nothing but be a man of unusual ideological. However, this is not the most amazing thing about Kim Jong Il that I learned, not even close.

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Leader Kim Jong Il is endowed with scientific foresight. The gravity of that is astonishing. One man can accurately predict the future of scientific advancement, and he has known this all from birth. Instead of being endowed with other things, Kim Jong Il has known humanity's future in science.

The knowledge must be depressing. I can only imagine the amount of fear and paranoia that will be created by the weapons 1,000 years in our future. I wouldn't be able to handle the knowledge that one day humans would be terrorized by sharks with freakin' laser beams on their heads. I can only thank Kim Jong Il for making this sacrifice for me, for living with the truth of our future. His strength is nigh untestable as he has withstood the terrors of our future. It is no wonder things such as mass poverty and infant starvation among his people do not stress him.

It is fundamental question decisive of success in an undertaking to compare, analyze, reason and collegiate things and phenomena to make correct judgment. Now outside of the basic comma issues with that sentence, actually I have no idea what the hell that last sentence means.

I can only assume that it would teach me something wonderful about the greatness that encompasses Kim Jong Il. I wish I could understand more of the teachings of Kim Jong Il, but I do not think I possess the innate gifts that would allow me to have a firmer grasp of this knowledge. None could rival his firm grasp of his endowment of scientific knowledge that he strokes to fruition.

The more I read about Kim Jong Il the more I have realized that there are two types of people in this world. There are kinds A and B. The B kinds of people are the followers; we are the sheep that are afraid of the wolf. We gang up on A types of people because they are different than us, more powerful than us. So it ends up that these people with the type A-ness are brutalized by us conformists. They are ravaged again and again until their reputation has been destroyed by those who cannot comprehend the greatness that is laid before them. I say we must celebrate this man.

This man who was able to shoot under 35 par on a golf course. The man who invented the hamburger. The world's largest buyer of Hennessey. He is a man of the people, and we must praise him for it. For he is definitely not crazy and most definitely not running his personal version of 1984 just because he can.

1 ½: Reflections of a Sophomore

By Alexander Brotman
Op/Ed Writer

I came into this semester knowing that I would be very busy. Challenging courses, two officer roles in clubs on campus and being a Phonathon caller has taken up a lot of time. However, there is not a single second that has not been rewarding and enriched me as a person, and I have learned a lot about the Muhlenberg experience firsthand from so many people.

First of all, I have been involved in two organizations that have really gained a lot of traction recently: the Social Justice Collaborative and the Muhlenberg Film Association. We are trying to accomplish a lot and have big goals, but that's okay, in my opinion, because you have to. One of the things we have been trying to do with the Social Justice Collaborative is establish a Social Justice minor on campus, something we recognize will take a lot of time. This process in particular has been rewarding for me and I know all the other members of the group. Having the opportunity to have in-depth conversations with faculty and know that they are invested in their students did not surprise me. What did surprise me was finding out just how easy that is to do.

The faculty here at Muhlenberg are 100 percent on the side of the student, and I have learned this semester, more than last year, that those meaningful discussions across departments are the ones that you have to pursue. We had some tense moments during our discussions of establishing a minor, but I knew that if a professor was raising their voice or pushing one of our club members for a clearer answer, it was only out of their best interest. In short, it was a preparation for the real world and was very helpful. There are lots of ways to get involved on the Muhlenberg campus and feel embedded in the community, but for me, that has meant joining clubs, forming relationships not only with students but with professors, and letting them know that I am interested.

Taking on a greater leadership role in my clubs this year has also reinforced my belief that the students here, particularly once you get into specific issues, are motivated. They are bright, opinionated, talented, and inspiring, and I see this at every meeting. I always feel, as a President of a club, it is not my job to talk the most; I want to make sure other voices are heard more than mine. I can facilitate, but I don't want to dominate. At the end of every meeting, I am in awe of what my peers know, are interested in, and have done in the past. Some have participated in volunteer work in foreign countries, others in their backyards. All bring a unique perspective to the table, and when we meet at 5:00 on a Wednesday or Thursday, I know that my mind is going to grow.

The beauty of a small liberal arts school like Muhlenberg is that everyone is rooting for you and everyone knows you. You are not applicant (fill in any number) but a face and a name, and that is what is so powerful. As Steve Jobs said in his Stanford commencement address, "Stay hungry and stay foolish." Go after what you think you can't achieve, because you will be surprised by what the results may be. You have a lot of support in this environment, and there is nothing that is going to stop you.

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When TV becomes too great an escape from life, you stop living. You become reclusive and isolated, purposely ignorant of the truth. You don't have to change your behavior because you forget there's anything wrong it. The only thing that is right or wrong is TV life, not your life.

When TV characters become your paradigm for values, your identity changes accordingly, for better or worse. You may think that TV does not have this type of hold on you, but maybe it does and you just don't know it.

What's the solution? Stop watching so much TV. Sounds simple, but even if you followed it would anything change? You could stop watching TV, but will that change the person you have already become? Is TV even the problem at all or just a mask for your real problem, i.e. the problems were there before TV? Can we ever really know?

You may be thinking this doesn't relate to me at all; I don't think about TV that way, and you're probably right.

But the funny thing is TV is only one method of escape. Your thing may be video games, Facebook, or internet porn. These things are universally attractive and incredibly individual but not deleterious by themselves (except for heroin), i.e. they're just the method, not the problem. What's the problem? You.

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Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 14 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of trashing. Shaving cream was found in the hallway and bananas were thrown around. Residential Services was notified. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 14 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2259 Turner St. (building #1), there was a report of vandalism. Graffiti was found. Plant Operations was notified to clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 414 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to pizza boxes being on the stove. An electrician was notified to respond. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 15 – Larceny/Theft – In the Center for the Arts, ground floor, there was a theft of a cordless drill. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 15 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Martin Luther Hall parking lot, there was a report of vandalism. Graffiti was found on a stop sign. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 15 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 16 – Found Property – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of a found EpiPen. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 16 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of found items including a watch, rings, and an ornament. It is unknown when the items were turned in or to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 16 – Suspicious Activity – In Trexler Library, there was a report of an individual viewing inappropriate material on a computer. The individual was identified and issued a Letter of Trespass. There was no further incident.

Nov. 17 – Sexual Assault – On campus, there was a report of a sexual assault. The incident occurred last semester in an on-campus residential facility and the victim knows the suspect.

Nov. 17 – Found Property – In the Hillel/Sociology/Anthropology building, there was a report of a found necklace. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The necklace was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 17 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of vandalism. Graffiti was found. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to clean the area.

Nov. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol found in the room. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 17 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Robertson Hall, first floor, there was a report of possession of drug paraphernalia. The items were removed from the room and placed in the evidence locker. Fire safety violations were also found in the room, including a covered smoke detector and candles. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 18 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 18 – Sick Student – At 2255 Turner St. (building #3), there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A friend of the student transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of bananas thrown everywhere. There are no suspects at this time. Residential Services was notified.

Nov. 18 – Larceny/Theft from Vehicle – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. An unknown individual smashed the window of a vehicle and there was a reported theft of a GPS from the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to clean up the glass.

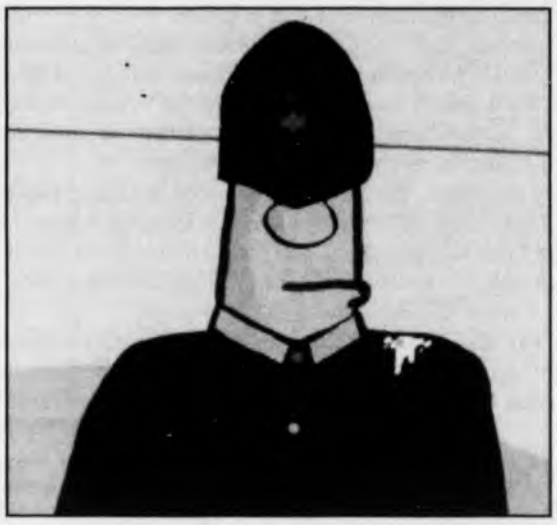
Nov. 18 – Lost Property – In Brown Hall, there was a report of a lost ring.

Nov. 18 – Found Property – On N. 26th St., there was a report of a found credit card. The owner was unable to be contacted. The credit card was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 18 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The student was issued a new sticker.

Nov. 18 – Injured Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Nov. 19 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of vandalism to a door. The individual was identified. Plant Operations was notified to respond in order to repair the door. The investigation will continue.



Nov. 19 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 19 – Sick Student – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was involved. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 19 – Lost Property – In the Trexler Pavilion, lobby, there was a report of a lost jacket.

Nov. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 19 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Allentown Police cited a non-student for Underage Consumption and Public Drunkenness.

Nov. 20 – Possession of False Identification – Off campus, a call was received from the Liberty Street Tavern to verify the date of birth of a student. The date of birth on the ID did not match the individual's date of birth in the College's records. The reporting party must turn over the ID to the owner before it is brought to our office. The individual left the Tavern without incident. Officers were not required to respond.

Nov. 20 – Possession of False Identification – Off campus, a second call was received from the Liberty Street Tavern to verify the date of birth of a student. The date of birth on the ID did not match the individual's date of birth in the College's records. The reporting party must turn over the ID to the owner before it is brought to our office. The individual left the Tavern without incident. Officers were not required to respond.

Nov. 20 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was related. Allentown EMS and Allentown Police responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Allentown Police cited the student for Underage Consumption.

Nov. 20 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of vandalism. Damage was found to the covers to paper dispensers. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 20 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of vandalism to an exit sign. A work order was placed to have the sign repaired by Plant Operations. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 20 – Simple Assault – On Chew St., there was a report of an assault. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 20 – Found Property – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of a found credit card. The owner was unable to be contacted. A Campus Safety officer per a representative from the credit card company shredded the card.

Nov. 20 – Larceny/Theft – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of theft of a lid to a trash container. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 20 – Institutional Vandalism – At 323 N. 22nd St., there was a report of vandalism. Paintballs hit windows. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 20 – Injured Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 20 – Institutional Vandalism – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of vandalism. An individual broke the fire extinguisher glass. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 22 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found credit card. The card was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 22 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a lost notebook.

Nov. 22 – Vandalism to Vehicle – At the 23rd and Gordon Sts. parking lot, there was a report of a hit and run

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Muhlenberg student's grandmother, Dr. Leslie Bernstein, leaves college in awe

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

On Nov. 16th Dr. Leslie Bernstein, grandmother of Mallory Bernstein '14, came to the College to discuss the amazing work and research she has done.

Currently, Bernstein is a Professor and Director for the Division of Cancer Etiology within the Department of Population Sciences, Beckman Research Institute and the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center.

In addition she serves as Dean for Faculty Affairs at the City of Hope. As an internationally-recognized epidemiologist, Bernstein has been focused primarily on cancer researching to identify adjustable lifestyle factors that will decrease occurrence and extend survival. Notably, Bernstein was the first to show a link between exercise activity and lower breast cancer risk. Bernstein has also pursued research investigating the long-term chronic disease sequelae of therapeutic regimens for breast cancer. Also, Bernstein has published more than 450 research papers and 50 book chapters during her career.

Mallory Bernstein '14 with her grandmother, Dr. Leslie Bernstein

Photo by Samantha Langner

Moreover, Bernstein received her BA in Mathematics from UCLA while raising her family, working part-time as a swimming coach, and as a high school math teacher. Bernstein did attend graduate school until her late 30's when her children were in junior high and high school. Bernstein received her PhD in Biometry in 1981 at the age of 42 years from the University of Southern California and then spent the next 25 years as a faculty member at the Keck School of Medicine.

In 1995 Bernstein took the initiative to begin a study with a prospective cohort of 133,479 female public school professionals to study breast and other cancers, this study became known as the California Teachers Study. As the study's principal investigator, she manages a broad collaboration of 22 investigators at four cancer centers and leads research efforts in breast cancer and non-Hodgkins lymphoma. She is an active participant in the HEAL Study collaboration, a multicenter, multiethnic study of breast cancer survivorship, now in its 12th year, and also has been following the long-term survivors from her early case-control study of breast cancer in women ages 40 or younger at diagnosis.

For the past 15 years Bernstein has focused her efforts on mentoring the next generation of cancer prevention scientists, creating programs for postdoctoral fellows and PhD students at USC and at the City of Hope to enhance their training experiences and address issues pertinent to their future careers. She is the recipient of a K05 award from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) which supports her training and mentoring activities and capitalizes on her research on energetics and cancer. Currently, Bernstein actively mentors junior and intermediate level cancer research scientists at the City of Hope, USC, Claremont Graduate University, and at many institutions throughout the US.

Bernstein's lecture, "Developing Approaches for Breast Cancer Prevention: Making Serendipity Happen", dealt with educating the College community on many important aspects of research and biostatistics. The focus of the lecture was not only on her research, but how to do effective research in general. The lecture began with Bernstein discussing serendipity, which according to her is "an aptitude for making desirable discoveries by accident" and she believes having good luck and the right opportunities at the right time has shaped her career.

> *For the past 15 years, Dr. Bernstein has focused her efforts on mentoring the next generation of cancer prevention scientists, creating programs for postdoctoral fellows and PhD students.*

Bernstein introduced the topic of epidemiology, which is the basis of her work. According to Bernstein, "epidemiology is the study of the causes/determinants of a disease." Bernstein discussed two specific statistically-based population level research designs, case control studies and cohort studies, which she explained in detail. Bernstein explained that "Case-studies are based on etiology and cohort studies are based on etiology and prognosis." Bernstein commented on how case control studies are done to detail the exposure of the disease. Therefore, case control-studies are done to try to determine the origin of a certain disease. As a result cohort studies are organized and run to help conclude the cause of a certain disease and how that disease will affect other people who contract it.

There are some very important benefits and drawbacks of doing cohort studies. In relation to her own work, Bernstein commented that Cohort Studies are very expensive to do and need a lot of funding due to the lengthy time period required. Bernstein discussed her California Teachers Study as an example of a Cohort Study. According to Bernstein, the California Teachers Study was a huge undertaking because they had to obtain funding and have to continually ensure that they have adequate funding to run the study. Also, it was difficult to obtain the very large group, cohort, or participants, and it takes a lot of work to collect and analyze all the data.

Despite all of the work that went into and continues to go into this study, Bernstein believes that it is worthwhile to run the experiment for the large amount of data that it collects by it and the conclusions that can be drawn.

Moreover, Bernstein commented that case studies are a lot easier to run on a large scale than cohort studies because they are not as "expensive" as cohort Studies. Moreover, in relation to cohort and case control studies, Bernstein explained that both are limited by epidemiology. Bernstein made this claim because not every study can have a clinical trial, so conclusions are based mostly on observations, which is a drawback of Cohort and Case Control Studies.

Bernstein discussed the research she has done with Breast Cancer risk factors; race, age, ethnicity, sex, and positive family history.

Bernstein spoke about additional that research showed that additional births after the first born and breast feeding are protective against Breast Cancer. Also, alcohol consumption, overweight/obesity, and hormone therapy (estrogen plus progestin vs. estrogen alone) increases the risk of Breast Cancer. Bernstein emphasized that all of these experiments have error and cannot be concluded to be 100 percent true for everyone.

Bernstein's research is extensive and extremely detailed and the College was delighted to have such a wonderful guest.

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to a vehicle. An unknown person knocked off a vehicle's mirror. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 22 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2147 Chew St., there was a report of vandalism to a window. The individual was identified. Plant Operations was notified to repair the window.

Nov. 22 – Check the Welfare/Locate – On the front drive, there was a report to check the welfare and locate an individual. The individual was driving slowly on the walkway and hit a student. The driver of the vehicle was spoken to and identified. The student that was hit was unable to be located.

Nov. 22 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Martin Luther Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a fire safety violation found while checking rooms for Thanksgiving Break. Smoke detectors were found to be covered and hanging lights were found. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Fire safety violation fines will be sent to the residents.

Nov. 22 – Beer Games/Trophies/Kegs/Paraphernalia – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of several empty liquor bottles found in the room while a room check was being done for Thanksgiving Break. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the items.

Nov. 22 – Social Code Violation – In East Hall (G Block, first floor), there was a report of decorations and lights found in the room while a room check was being done for Thanksgiving Break. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 22 – Social Code Violation – In East Hall (G Block, first floor), there was another report of decorations hanging from the ceiling that were found while a room check was being done for Thanksgiving Break. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 22 – Found Property – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found cell phone. A message was left for the owner to pick up the phone at the Campus Safety office. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Nov. 23 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Liberty St., there was a report of a vehicle hitting a light post. Plant Operations was notified. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 25 – Larceny/Theft – On the front drive, there was a report of theft of two Muhlenberg College banner flags. There are no suspects at this time. A work order was submitted to have the flags replaced.

Nov. 25 – Institutional Vandalism – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of freehand graffiti found. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 27 – Larceny/Theft – At 321 N. 22nd St., there was a report of theft of a laptop. There are no suspects at this time. The Office of Information and Technology was advised.

Nov. 27 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2251 Turner St. (building #5, second floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 28 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to an exit sign. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to repair the sign.

Nov. 28 – Sick Student – At 2309 Turner St. (Rehearsal House), there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 28 – Sick Student – In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Nov. 28 – Suspicious Activity – In Trexler Library, C Level, there was a report of an individual viewing inappropriate material. The individual was identified and spoken to. A Letter of Trespass was issued.

Nov. 29 – Found Property – In Walson Hall, there was a report of a found laptop. The owner later picked up the item.

Nov. 29 – Vehicle Violation – In Robertson Hall, there was a report of a vehicle that was illegally parked. The vehicle was not registered and had an excessive amount of tickets. A Campus Safety officer booted the vehicle. The boot was later removed with verification from the Controllers Office.

Nov. 29 – Check the Welfare/Locate – On campus, there was a report to check the welfare of a student.

Nov. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2411 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset.

Nov. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2411 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset. A work order was submitted to have Plant Operations check the detector.

Nov. 29 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Nov. 30 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment by communication. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 30 – Investigative – In Walz Hall, first floor, a Campus Safety officer spoke to a student to advise them to keep the shades drawn in the room for privacy. There was no further incident.

Nov. 30 – Sick Student – In Taylor Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Dec. 1 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of found items. The items include sweatshirts, glasses, CDs, notebooks, a scarf, and an umbrella. It is unknown to whom the items belong or when the items were turned in. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Dec. 1 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of possession of drug paraphernalia and alcohol violation. The paraphernalia items were brought to the Campus Safety office and placed in the evidence locker. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 2 – Sick Student – In South Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Dec. 2 – Hit and Run – In Prosser Drive, there was a report of damage found to a fence surrounding a dumpster. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified.

Dec. 2 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 3 – Sick Student – In East Hall (E Block, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The individual was identified and spoken to with. There was no further incident.

Dec. 3 – Found Property – In the Hillel/Sociology/Anthropology building, first floor, there was a report of a found student ID, key, and a laptop. Messages were left with the owners to pick up the items at the Campus Safety office. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Dec. 3 – Found Property – At 2216 Chew St., there was a report of a found driver's license. Upon further investigation, it was learned that it was a false ID. The student was spoken to and the false ID was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2267 Turner St. (building #4, second floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 3 – Larceny/Theft – In Trexler Library, there was a report of a theft of a laptop. Allentown Police Department responded. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2411 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, no cause could be found that would set off the detector. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of vandalism to an exit sign. There are no suspects at this time. A work order was submitted to repair the exit sign.

Dec. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – At 323 N. 22nd St., there was a report of vandalism. Unknown individuals were shooting paintballs at a house. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 3 – Found Property – On Turner St., there was a report of a found jacket. It is unknown to whom the jacket belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Dec. 4 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 4 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, there was a second report of an alcohol violation. A second student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 4 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found purse and camera. The owner was notified and later picked up the items.

Dec. 4 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Dec. 4 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Chew St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. Allentown Police Department responded.

Dec. 4 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2411 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident. A work order was submitted to Plant Operations to replace the detector.

> "Imperfection is not our personal problem, it is a natural part of existing."
> - Tara Brach

Senior Foreign Officer visits Muhlenberg

By Avni Mittal
Life Writer

On December 1st, the College had the pleasure of having Mr. Thomas Hard Armbruster, the Senior Foreign Affairs Officer with the State Department and Diplomat in Residence at the City College of New York.

He has been with the State Department for almost 23 years, and he has been on tours in Cuba, Finland, Mexico, Tajikistan, and most recently (2007-2010) Vladivostok in far east Russia where he worked on many cultural programs, which included mariachi bands and jazz performances. He also helped organize programs for the US Navy and Coast Guard visits, environmental concerns, and even reported on the trade between Russia and China and endangered Siberian Tigers. During this trip he also visited American prisoners and handled visas and exchanges, USAID projects, commerce and business development, and trade promotions from the US Agricultural Service.

Mr. Thomas Hard Armbuster educates students about jobs and internships in the State department.

Photo Courtesy of www.google.com

Aside from traveling abroad, one of Mr. Armbruster's jobs is to visit different schools and educate students about the variety of jobs and internships available in the State Department. I was able to sit down with Mr. Armbruster after the talk and speak with him. Some of the questions I asked were:

1) **What triggered your interest in joining the Foreign Service?**

My distant cousin was a press secretary in Moscow, Russia and I went on a trip with him and really enjoyed working internationally so I decided to apply for this position.

2) **How do you feel about having the position of guiding and educating students about the State Department?**

Talking to students is part of the job, but I love it. Teaching and guiding students is a great feeling because sometimes they don't think they will be interested in working for the State Department, but when they find out about all the great opportunities, I feel like I have done my job. Especially working at the College of New York near Harlem, educating kids in tough areas is very important to me.

3) **What have you learned from all of your experiences?**

"How to deal with a crisis. It's important to remain calm and to take a step back and think about what to do and utilize your resources."

4) **Lastly, if you were to give any advice to a student interested in working in the State Department, what would you say?**

"There are two skills that will set aside a candidate. The first one is knowing or being familiar with a language. Going into the State Department you will be interacting with many people from different countries so knowing a language will definitely set you apart. Secondly, having great writing skills. The application is long and arduous. There are many parts and a couple of exams before an actual personal interview. So if you exemplify yourself with your writing skills, that will benefit you as well."

I want to thank Mr. Armbruster for letting me interview him. If you are interested in finding any more information about the State Department please go to: http://careers.state.gov/index.html.

GUEST CHEF with Glenn Gerchman & Tom Dougherty

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Ask the Panda Girl:
The Weekly's advice column

The Panda Girl

Dear Panda Girl-

I'm Christian, but my boyfriend is Jewish. My family likes him very much, and would be happy to have him over for Christmas. I'm not sure how to bring this up.

I would love to share Christmas with him but I'm not sure it would be as special for him as it is for me, or how uncomfortable he would be going to mass on Christmas Eve and that kind of stuff. Can I get some advice on how to break the ice on this subject with him?

-Apprehensive

Dear Apprehensive-

This can be a little sticky to talk about, but if you and your guy have a good strong relationship, you should be able to talk about this sort of thing. One night when the two of you are having a quiet time lazing about, bring up the subject. I suggest waiting until the two of you are alone and things are quiet; you are more likely to get some truth about his feelings away from any friends, and nothing breaks the mood when things are getting steamy than a sudden talk about religion.

Tell him how it would make you feel to share something special like Christmas with him. Tell him you are concerned about his feelings, and want him to openly tell you how he feels. I'm not sure how religious either of you are, but obviously it hasn't been too much of a burden on your relationship thus far. It may be a non-issue, perhaps it would not bother him at all.

Or maybe it is a good thing to bring it up, as a discussion about this would serve only to strengthen your relationship. Try not to be too hurt if he declines your invitation. Listen and appreciate his reasoning and his feelings. Urge him to do the same with yours. Open communication is key to any relationship.

I know it is hard to bring it up, but I think you'll find you don't need to feel afraid of talking about this sort of thing. You care about each other. Remember that fact, and everything will be alright.

My best,
The Panda Girl

Alumni spotlight

By Samantha Langer
Managing Editor

It's time once again to put the spotlight on an alumni. I hope that you will learn a little about life after "the bubble" and about what you can look forward to in the future. You never know where you may find yourself a few years down the road.

Jamie Schneider
Class of 2008
Major: Spanish and Media & Communication

1) **What is your job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.**

I'm in the process of changing jobs as I write this. I spent the last three and a half years at Penguin Young Readers Group handling consumer marketing and advertising. Lots of meetings, lots of reading, lots of lunches with ad reps. It was a good start, but I'm ready for my next step. I'm starting as Editorial Content Coordinator at Weight Watchers this week. It's too soon to say what I'll be doing on a daily basis, but it sounds a lot like what I used to do as Managing Editor for *The Muhlenberg Weekly*.

Jamie Schneider and her new life.

Photo Courtesy of Jamie Schneider

2) **What is your commute like?**

I commute to Manhattan from Long Island. One word sums it up: terrible. I can't believe I used to complain about going from South to Moyer. It takes me an hour and a half to get to work each way.

3) **What has the transition been like from being a student to working full time?**

In the beginning it was nice, coming home with nothing to do, having the weekends to do my own thing, and being able to leave my work life behind. But then I got bored, started teaching Zumba, and spending all of my free time teaching and running a dance studio. I'm crazier and busier than ever, but I love every minute of it.

4) **Do you plan on going back to school to get an advanced degree? If yes, in what?**

Some days I think I'll go for an MBA, other days I want to go into nutrition. I'm still figuring out what I want to do with the rest of my life. I don't think I'll ever settle on one thing for too long.

5) **What are tips you would give to students looking for jobs?**

Try to figure out what you want to do and get involved in something similar on campus. As much as my education has helped me get to where I am now, my time at *The Muhlenberg Weekly* and assistantship with Dr. Marx definitely helped me get my job at Penguin.

6) **What do you miss most about being on campus?**

Being within a block radius of some of my closest friends for sure. Life after college just isn't the same. It's great not having to worry about work at night (most of the time), but it's hard finding time to see everyone, and it would be way more fun if my best friends were still down the hall. Instead I spend all of my free time with a bunch of Zumba addicts at a dance studio.

7) **Is there something you appreciate about Muhlenberg now that you are no longer a student?**

I think this goes hand-in-hand with the last question. It doesn't really hit until the end of senior year that you won't live down the block or the hall from your friends once you leave, and at that point it's too late to do anything about it. As much as I disliked "the bubble" while I was there, I miss the proximity of everything and wandering down Academic Row and walking into friends. I would love to be able to catch up with friends on my way to work.

8) **Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?**

Enjoy every minute of it. Get your work done and get involved, but make sure you leave yourself time to have fun. You only get to do this once, so make the most of it.

9) **What was your position at The Muhlenberg Weekly?**

I started as News Editor my sophomore year. I then moved up to Managing Editor later that year and served as Editor-in-Chief for a year and a half after that. People called me *The Weekly*.

10) **When did you graduate? What were your majors/minors?**

2008, Double major in Spanish and Media & Communication

11) **How do you stay connected to Muhlenberg?**

I've returned to campus a few times to share my experience at the Denver Publishing Institute and in the publishing industry with students and to give speeches for the Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Department. I've written countless recommendations for 'Berg students looking to break into the publishing industry. But more importantly than that, I stay in touch with my former classmates. The job market is rough, but coming from a close-knit campus like Muhlenberg helps. We all look out for each other. Kristina Lucarelli '08 hooked me up with my interview at Weight Watchers, and I can't wait to return the favor for someone else.

Thank you from the Allentown Refuge Center

By Andalisa Lopez
Life Writer

Thank you to the College community and anyone who donated to the Refugee Supply Drive. I was overwhelmed by your generosity! Collectively, you donated two large bins full of valuable supplies which will go to newly resettled refugees here in Allentown.

Like many people, I was ignorant to the refugee population in the Lehigh Valley, but since volunteering for the Refugee Center at the Allentown Catholic Diocese I have learned so much about the world of resettlement. According to the United Nations, there are about 10.4 million refugees in the world waiting to be resettled. The majority of refugees come from Asia, and about 20% arrive from African countries. The resettlement process is a very strenuous and long one; some people wait decades before being accepted into another country. In the meantime, they wait in refugee camps, which are oftentimes outside government jurisdiction, and many crimes are committed but rarely prosecuted.

There are many assumptions about why refugees leave their home countries; many people assume refugees are escaping a violent situation at home. While violent conflict, such as ethnic cleansing, does play a role, there are many other reasons refugees need to relocate. One story I have heard during my brief involvement with the refugee services in Allentown was about an Iraqi man who had to flee because he had aided the US Government during the war in Iraq and was receiving threats from the Iraqi government.

The Allentown Catholic Diocese works to aid refugees in the resettlement process which includes finding housing, a job, and reuniting families.

The staff at the Refugee Center also helps the refugees with more personal goals. For example, a recent refugee from Iraq, Abeer, hopes to become an elementary school teacher in Allentown. She used to be an elementary school teacher in Iraq but needs the fees to get her degree evaluated for equivalency in order to complete her transition.

This is where you come in, once again! A group of student organizations, including the Asian Students Association, the Black Student Association, SHARE, and the Social Justice Collaborative in conjunction with the Office of Community Engagement, are organizing a Flex and cash donation drive. Please consider donating spare change and flex dollars during the last week of school (December 5th-8th) while swiping into the Dining Hall. You can help your international neighbor achieve her goal of teaching elementary school.

While immigration continues to be a hot topic, many people may be wary about resettling refugees in the United States. You should know there are many other countries which open their borders to refugees such as European countries and Australia. As the debate rages on (especially in the upcoming election year), it is important to realize that we are a part of a global community, and it is important to welcome our neighbors whether they are across the street or across the world.

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Become a Life Editor!

If you are interested in becoming the Editor for the Life Section or want to be a weekly writer for this section next semester then please contact Torie Paone at vp238988@muhlenberg.edu

This Weekend on Campus

Thurs., Dec. 8

1) Coffee and Copyright from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm at the Trexler Library

2) The Fluidity of Gender: Sculpture by Linda Stein from 12 pm to 8 pm at the Martin Art Gallery

3) GND Concert from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at the Center for the Arts Galleria

4) A Night of Melissa Leo at 7 pm

Fri., Dec. 9

1) The Fluidity of Gender: Sculpture by Linda Stein from 12 pm to 8 pm at the Martin Art Gallery

2) Muhlenberg Ice Hockey vs. LaSalle from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Rink at Lehigh Valley

3) Survey Says? Come Play The 'Berg Feud!! from 10 pm to 12 am at the Event Space in Seegers Union

Sat., Dec. 10

1) The Fluidity of Gender: Sculpture by Linda Stein from 12 pm to 8 pm at the Martin Art Gallery

2) Concert: The Maccabest and the Muhlenberg Chaimonics! from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at Keneseth Israel

3) Candlelight Carols from 7:30 pm to 9 pm at Egner Memorial Chapel

4) MAC & Cheese Study Break - *Friends Wtih Benefits* from 8 pm to 11 pm at the Red Door

Sun., Dec. 11

1) Candlelight Carols from 3:30 pm to 5 pm at Egner Memorial Chapel

2) Candlelight Carols from 7:30 pm to 9 pm at Egner Memorial Chapel

Senior Captain Spotlight

Men's Cross Country Captain

William Lowrey

1) Hometown: South Strafford, VT

2) Major/Minors: Major: Environmental Science
Minor: Sustainability Studies

3) Fastest timed mile and fastest race time: Mile=4:31, 8K=26:35

4) When did you start running cross country? I started running my freshman year of college. I had run one season of outdoor track my senior year and competed in cross country skiing for two years in high school.

5) Favorite athletes: Galen Rupp and Andrew Wheating

6) Favorite sports teams: Any team from the Boston area

7) What have you liked the most about running for Muhlenberg?
I really enjoy pushing myself everyday trying to get better. It's an incredible feeling when your times start to drop and you can see that all the hours spent running over the years is paying off. I also really enjoy the team aspect. As distance runners we run all year round, we don't get an off season, so it's really important that we get along well. Luckily for me every team I've been on over the last four years has been really cohesive and a joy to go run with everyday.

Men's Cross Country Runner

Eric Strouse

1) Hometown: Shelton, CT

2) Major/Minors: Major: Biology, Minor: business

3) Fastest timed mile and fastest race time: 800- 2:05

4) When did you start running cross country? Freshman year at Muhlenberg

5) Favorite athletes: Jose Reyes, Endy Chavez, Dan Orlovsky, Kemba Walker

6) Favorite sports teams: Mets, UConn basketball

7) What have you liked the most about running for Muhlenberg?
I have enjoyed the friendships I have made and running/trying to not get injured keeps me motivated and is a good balance with school and other things

8) Post-graduate plans or ideas?
Dental school

Women's Cross Country Runner

Ashley Greenberg

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Orange and Maroon Classic

1) Hometown: Owings Mills, MD

2) Major/Minors: Major: Psychology Minor: Dance

3) Fastest timed mile and fastest race time (for a 5 mile race or whatever distance your meets usually are): Fastest mile would be 5:52 fastest 5k I have run would be 18:48

4) When did you start running cross country?
I started running cross country my sophomore in college I had never run before college

5) Favorite athletes: I really like Shawn Johnson (the gymnast)

6) Favorite sports teams: The Ravens

7) What have you liked the most about running for Muhlenberg? I really like that I get a chance to split up my day and forget about school work and stress and come to practice to clear my head. Everyday we try and make things interesting as a team and run in different locations and places. I really like that we get to travel to so many schools and compete with so many different schools.
8) Post-graduate plans or ideas? I am applying to graduate school to get my Masters in Occupational Therapy

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Women's Basketball
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11/22 @ Gettysburg W 63-48
12/1 @ Swarthmore W 85-70
12/3 vs Washington College W 71-63
12/5 vs DeSales W 66-60

Wrestling
11/20 Central New Jersey Open Non Scoring
12/2 Messiah Petrofes Invitational 12th

Men's Basketball
(6-2, 1-2 CC)
11/22 @ Gettysburg L 68-72
11/26 @ Valley Forge Christian @ W 68-60
11/27 @ Medger Evers W 83-43
11/30 @ Swarthmore W 79-56
12/3 vs Washington College L 93-96 (OT)

Is perfection even possible?

By Jeremy Fuchs
Sports Writer

I had the unique pleasure (or perhaps the unique displeasure, depending on how you look at it) of seeing the Packers move to 12-0, as they beat the Giants on Sunday. As a die hard Giants fan, seeing them lose is always heart breaking.

But as a football fan, it's exciting to see the Packers take another step towards perfection. 19-0 is their goal. 7 more games, 7 more wins. Can they do it?

Only one team in NFL history has managed this feat: the 1972 Dolphins. The Patriots a few years back came close, losing famously in their Super Bowl to go 18-1.

Perfection is difficult, if not impossible. There are too many things that can go wrong. There are too many yards on a football field to be fought over. Too many things can happen.

But there is a certain intrigue about this Packers team. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers is otherworldly. He makes the game look easy. He is, by most accounts, the best QB in football, and this season might be the best in the past decade.

Rodgers is not alone. Wide receiver Jordy Nelson is playing great football. Jermichael Finley, owner of one of the top 10 names in football, is a matchup nightmare for teams. Add in top receiver Greg Jennings, and you have the makings of a dynamic offense.

The defense isn't too bad either. Future Hall of Famer Charles Woodson leads a defense that gets a lot of turnovers. Clay Matthews, he of the long blonde mane, is a terror off the edge. Tramon Williams and others round out a nice core.

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But can this talent, and can the experience from winning last year's Super Bowl translate into perfection?

Hard to tell. As much as we can debate the talent on this team, the remaining teams on their schedule, there's one thing we can't quantify: luck. In order to be perfect, things need to go your way. The bounces need to fall your way. Calls need to go your way. Injuries cannot happen.

We don't know how this luck variable will play out. We don't know whose hands a tipped ball lands in. We don't know who recovers a fumble. We don't know how the officials will call the game. We can't predict weather.

But, we can say that this Packers team is a great team. Even if they finish the regular season 14-2, or 15-1, they are the favorite to win the Super Bowl. They are far and away, the best team in football. The 49ers, the second best team in the NFC, is experiencing great success after years of mediocrity, but that lack of experience will hurt them. In the AFC, teams like the Patriots and Steelers are threats, but the Patriots will not be able to stop Rodgers, and the Steelers already lost to the Packers in last year's Super Bowl. This is the Packers' to lose.

Perfection might not be possible, and I don't think the Packers will attain it. They will come close, and while perfection might not be in their destiny, I think they will settle for a Super Bowl victory.

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Men's Basketball
(6-2, 1-2 CC)
Sat. 1/7 @ McDaniel 3:00
Tues. 1/10 vs Johns Hopkins 7:00
Thurs 1/12 @ Franklin and Marshall 8:00
Sat 1/14 vs Gettysburg 4:00

Women's Basketball
(7-0, 3-0 CC)
Wed. 1/4 vs Dickinson 7:30
Sat. 1/7 @ McDaniel 1:00
Thurs. 1/12 @ Franklin and Marshall 6:00
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Eventful week for Mule Men's Basketball

By Eric Dolber
Sports Writer

This past week, the Mules basketball team had some exciting and disappointing games. On November 27th, the Mules were facing the Medgar Evers Cougars in Washington DC in the final of the Gallaudet Holiday Tournament. They won convincingly 83-43 as Freshman Guard Malique Killing was named the tournament MVP. Killing scored 16 points in the game and Senior Forward Spencer Liddic recorded a double double (18 points, 11 rebounds) was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Mules trailed early by one with 8:47 left in the first half, but they opened up a 23-3 in the remainder of the half. They held the Cougars to only one field goal in the rest of the half and the Mules took a 19-point lead into halftime. Muhlenberg did not let their guard down entering the second half. The defense was stellar as the Mules only allowed 19 second half points to the Cougars, who were forced to take three pointers; they finished 2 for 31 from three point range.

Freshman Forward AJ Dean finished with 15 points and nine rebounds and fellow Freshman Guard Gabriel Mercer scored 13 points for the second straight game. This 40 point-margin of victory was the largest for the Mules since 1991 in the Scotty Wood Tournament where they beat Moravian 89-60!

Next up for the Mules was on November 30th against Swarthmore. The team was all smiles and laughter after they won for the third straight game 79-56 and were now 6-1 for the first time in 23 years. Senior Spencer Liddic hauled in 21 rebounds, a career high. Sophomore Guard Austin Curry also took advantage of the lackadaisical play by Swarthmore as he scored red team high 17 points.

The defense was the story of the game though. They held the Garnets to less than 30 percent shooting and the conference's leading scorer to only 10 points. Malique started off by stealing the Garnots pass and converted it to a layup and the Mules never looked back. From there on the Mules never led by less than 14 points the remained of the game. Senior Center Kevin Hargrove finished with a double double with 11 points and 12 rebounds to go along with three blocked shots. With this victory, the Mules now have won 14 of their last 15 meetings against Swarthmore.

The next game for the Mules was a heart breaker as they fell to Washington College 96-93 in overtime and snapped their winning streak. There were 11 ties and 17 lead changes in total in the game. Neither team lead by more than five points for the majority of the second half and overtime. Washington took a 77-74 after a four-point possession, but on the Mules next possession Spencer Liddic was fouled and he made both free throws to cut the deficit to one with 37.2 seconds left.

On the ensuing Washington possession, the Mules fouled the Shoreman and they made both free throws to give them a three-point lead. Austin Curry would make the game tying three with 7.4 seconds left on the clock to force overtime. The Mules took the early lead in OT, but Washington would score the next six points. Curry would hit another three pointer to cut the deficit down to one with 4.8 seconds left. However, this was not enough as the Shoreman made two more free throws and the mules turned it over on their last possession. Every single Mules starter scored in double figures. Dean scored with a career high 21 points and Liddic finished with his 35th double double.

The Mules are back at it this week versus Dickinson.

Want to write for Sports?

Come join our team!

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The press release "Home season begins with 30th Annual Scotty Wood Tournament," was taken from the Muhlenberg Athletics website and written by Muhlenberg Sports Information Director Mike Falk, not Jeremy Fuchs.

The article "We are...despicable": The Penn State tragedy was written by Jeremy Fuchs, not by Joy Forlenza.

We regret these errors.
- the *Muhlenberg Weekly* staff

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Celebrating Martin Luther King, Junior: A legacy unfinished

By Denali Elliott
News Writer

On Sunday, hordes of student, faculty and staff came together to celebrate "Martin Luther King, Junior: A Legacy Unfinished," organized by the Black Student Association. People crowded into Moyer Hall to witness inspirational student performances and hear powerful words from keynote speaker Professor Roberta Meek. The audience gave a standing ovation to Dean Green, winner of the Diversity Leadership Award as a hero who walks among us today.

Perhaps this is why the event took the name "A Legacy Unfinished" and conveyed a sense of action rather than the distant respect of heroism that much of the United States holds for Martin Luther King, Jr. "Heroism," President Helm urged in his speech, "is an excuse to fall short of their example. It is not enough to idolize our heroes. Those great figures did not become such for the sake of heroism, but so their actions might be emulated by those around them and the future generations." President Helm went on to say that "there are heroes walking among us today. I would suggest that Dean Green is one of them."

Martin Luther King Jr.

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And despite the panic that had occurred in her temporary absence as she attended church, Dean Green made her way to the podium as the auditorium roared with applause and every audience member rose to their feet with respect and admiration.

As President Helm had articulated so warmly, every member of the audience seemed touched by her compassionate leadership on campus, her ability to bring people together and help them to excel Muhlenberg. Dean Green looked around at a sea of loving, awe-inspired, respectful faces, and tears came to her eyes as she began to speak, telling us that she is surrounded by love. "If you know me," she spoke, "I love deeply and I love passionately." She went on to tell of her experience as she was interviewed and hired by Muhlenberg College, revealing that as soon as she stepped on campus, she fell in love with the school. In a rush of emotion, she concluded her acceptance speech by saying, "now that I'm here, I'm a woman who believes things happen for a reason...This is where I need to be to give you my love."

As she left the podium she was again greeted with thunderous applause and a standing ovation. Dean Green had won the hearts of the audience for her kindness and compassion for each individual, as well as her fairness, bravery, intelligence, sense of humor and a plethora of other heroic qualities she shares with Martin Luther King, Junior himself.

The next speaker, Professor Roberta Meek, brought a unique perspective on the qualities of Martin Luther King, Jr. Through "song-talking," a congregational freedom tradition, she both sang and spoke of King's accomplishments and true personality. Having met him as a young girl, she gained a profound understanding of his words, and repeated pieces of his famous speeches. In doing so, she oriented her speech to inspire action in the listeners rather than the distant respect that most hold for heroes. Both the words of Professor Meek and Martin Luther King, Jr. pushed for individual heroism and emulation of heroic qualities to continue the legacy of freedom.

King's legacy is certainly unfinished. Discrimination continues to penetrate the political, economic, and social fabric of the United States in many forms. Professor Meek was confident that King would be behind the Occupy movement, continuing to be an inspiration for freedom and equality of all mankind. "America, you must be reborn," Martin Luther King, Jr. announced to thousands of onlookers. His inspirational speeches and heroism have been repeated countless times over the past half-century. His words ring clear and true in our minds today, encouraging emulation and individual heroism to continue his legacy. As sung by Professor Meek, "We who believe in freedom cannot rest; we who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes."

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Welcome Back!

First and far most we want to welcome everyone back to campus for the Spring 2012 semester! We hope everyone's semester is off to a great start and no one has too much work yet. Regrettably, at the end of last semester the campus was affected by several crimes, including laptops being stolen. Unfortunately, safety is still a serious issue in and around campus that all students and faculty need to be mindful of. Especially at this time of year, thieves and robbers have previously been problematic and everyone needs to be aware of their surroundings.

There are many precautions that students should take when out and about on campus, especially in the evenings. One precaution is that students should never be walking around campus by themselves at night. Campus Safety is always available and very willing to give students rides to their destinations no mater the hour to help ensure that every student is safe. Another precaution is being smart about where you are going. For example, walking to Hava Java or the Civic Theater on 19th Street at 10 p.m. on Friday night is not the best idea. Further, students should ensure that they trust and know the people they are socializing with to avoid any problematic or uncomfortable situations. A piece of advice is to ask other students whether or not certain places are safe to go or certain people have good reputations. Upperclassmen know the campus and Allentown pretty well and could serve as a useful source for lowerclassmen.

These are merely some precautions and advice to consider; when faced with challenging situations we hope you consider these. However, we know that calling Campus Safety might not always be your go to emergency contact (even though it should be!), it is important for you to have someone you feel comfortable calling regardless of the time to help you if need be.

Having said this, we hope you are never faced with any challenging or dangerous situations. If, however, you are faced with a dangerous situation it is important to remember to call for help and not to let things go unreported to avoid others being faced with similar dilemmas.

That Christmas spirit

By Josh Clement
Op/Ed Writer

Now that we are all back here at Muhlenberg and getting in the swing of things, I think it's important to take a step back and reflect on the joys that we have all just experienced. Winter Break was a restful time, a family time, and a time in which one considered autoerotic asphyxiation to break the boredom. I mean, I know everyone can't be this ridiculously bored when they are at home, but speaking for myself, I can't do it anymore. My home is rather far from Muhlenberg, so my college friends and high school friends have an intersection of around zero people. I'm a sophomore, so this is my second "break". I can't really consider something a break if it's a month long. That makes it more of an event. I'm going to list a bunch of things that I hate about Winter Break. If you don't want to read about that you can stop now. (That was actually the funniest joke of this entire article because it implied that someone was actually reading it.)

Around your sophomore year you start to realize that your high school friends aren't the same anymore. The whole new personality and reputation that you have cultivated at school completely disappears when you go home. It's still the same with anyone who you went to high school with because to them, you are still the same person. But it's the same the other way around; they are still the same person to you too, even though they may have turned into a completely different person at school. It all ends up being a bunch of people hanging out telling college stories that no one really likes because no one was there for the stories except for the person telling them. It could be worse, though; you could be going to college with a bunch of people from your high school and your college experience could basically just be an extension of high school, with all the same people and all the same stagnation.

It's always a nostalgic time when you go back home. You get to sleep in your own bed, take a real shower, and eat real food. It's even better when it's the holiday season. You see friends and family, and it's a wonderful, joyous time. Then Christmas and New Years happen. Now it's time to go back to school; oh, wait, there still are two weeks left before classes start. It is around this time that I found myself flipping between *Kim and Kourtney Take New York* and *Mob Wives.* Needless to say, I was somewhere between excruciatingly bored and deciding if I should go get another bag of chips from the cupboard. I was also trying to figure out the ways I could kill myself with the remote because I was actually watching reality TV shows.

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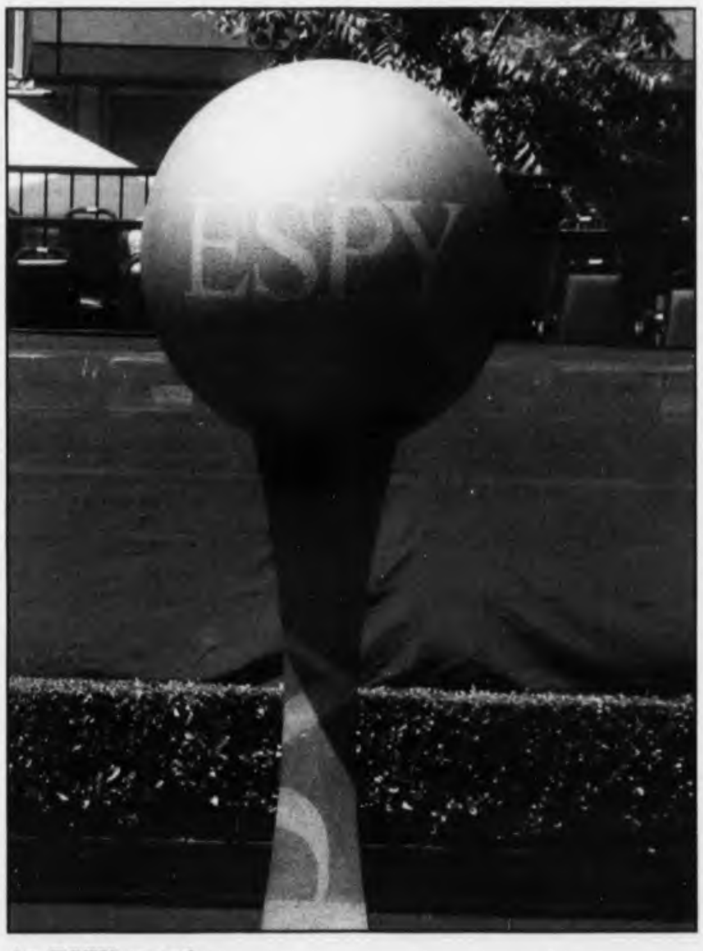
Remembering Jimmy V's 1993 ESPY's speech

By Evan Kasakove
Op/Ed Writer

"Time is very precious to me. I don't know how much I have left and I have some things that I would like to say." This is how Jimmy Valvano began his speech when he received the Arthur Ashe Courage Award, at the 1993 ESPY's, not limited to sports related people or actions. I watched the video on YouTube recently of his speech knowing this about Jimmy Valvano: he was a great basketball coach, won an NCAA championship with North Carolina State, and that he died of cancer and has a cancer foundation named after him which they dedicate a week of college basketball to for fundraising. When I finished watching this YouTube video of a speech from nearly 20 years ago I was in awe and a bit teary eyed.

"Now I'm fighting cancer, ... People ask me all the time about how you go through your life and how's your day and nothing is changed for me." Jimmy Valvano, a proud Italian with a slight accent, a vivacious spirit, and a rousing but also soothing voice delivered these words with a tangible and poignant presence. His remarks were off the cuff, but still perfectly elegant and appropriate for the message he was trying to impart on the large crowd of sports figures and their guests he stood above, on a podium, from behind a lectern, in a spacious arena.

"To me there are three things we should do every day. ... Number one is laugh. You should laugh every day. Number two is think. You should spend some time in thought. And number three is you should have your emotions moved to tears, could be happiness or joy. But think about it. If you laugh, you think, and you cry, that's a full day. That's a heck of a day. You do that seven days a week, you're going to have something special." It became clear to me from these words, coming from a man diagnosed a year earlier with bone cancer at the age of 46 and then a month later found out it had metastasized, was someone who enjoyed life more than I did. Someone who knew the difference between what's important and what's not.



An ESPY award.

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"I always have to think about what's important in life, to me are these three things; where you started, where you are, and where you gonna be." Valvano knew where he started as he talked about how he had started his coaching career as a 21 year old kid at the University of Rutgers coaching the freshman team (back when freshman were not allowed on the varsity team until their sophomore year) dreaming of being like his idol, Vince Lombardi, being the best coach in the world. And he also knew how to get to where you want to be.

"How do you go from where you are to where you want to be? I think you have to have an enthusiasm for life. You have to have a dream, a goal. You have to be willing to work for it." He says these words with such passion, such clarity and omniscience that you can't help but think this is someone who knows what he is talking about and you think maybe I should be this enthusiastic about life?

"I urge of all you, all of you, to enjoy your life, the precious moments you have. To spend each day with some laughter and some thought, to get your emotions going. To be enthusiastic every day and as Ralph Waldo Emerson said,

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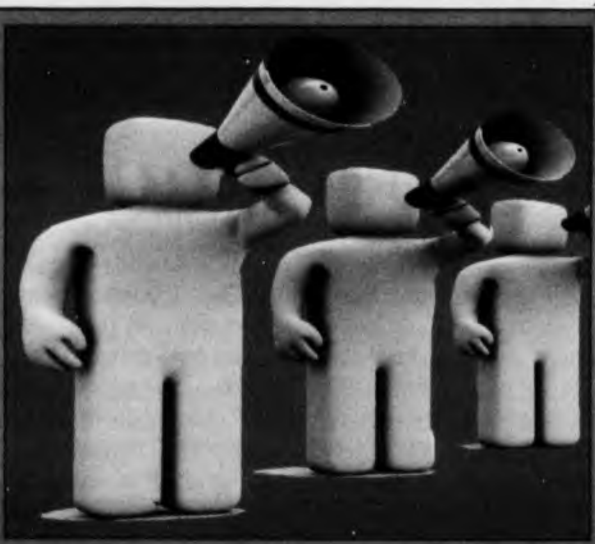

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Now, you might say that there is an easy fix to this: get some friends. However, I have already thought of this and, well, I don't have friends. I was actually forced to go and hang out with my parents because I had nothing better to do. It was the thing I never imagined doing as a teenager: choosing to hang out with my parents rather than my old high school friends because my parents were more fun. It was an emotional breakdown.

I can only imagine what after college will be like at this rate. I will have to go to bed at 10 every night so I can get enough sleep to wake up for work the next morning. In the evening, I will fall asleep watching the nighttime news after a thrilling episode of *Grey's Anatomy* (is that still even on TV?). Maybe on the weekends I will do something exciting like go hiking or rake leaves. Adulthood can't come fast enough! Alright, who wants to drink? I know I do.

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"Nothing great could accomplished without enthusiasm," to keep your dreams alive despite of problems whatever you have. The ability to be able to work hard, for your dreams to come true, to become a reality". I know I spend too much of my time worrying about what's going wrong and what could make my life better, ignoring the importance of the moment and being grateful. I can become emotionally bitter and closed off when I forget to think about what's important or when I forget to laugh and stop having an enthusiasm for life.

"I just got one last thing. Now I look at where I am now and I know what I want to do. What I would like to be able to do is spend whatever remaining time I have left, and to give, and maybe, some hope to others." Valvano is here at the ESPY's for this most important part of the speech, for what he has dedicated the rest of his life to doing. He emotionally implores the audience to give for his cause.

"We need your help. I need your help. We need money for research. It may not save my life. It may save my children's lives. It may save someone you love. … We are starting the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research. And its motto is, 'don't give up, don't ever give up'. And that's what I'm going to try to do. Every minute that I have left, I will thank God for the day and for the moment I have." He says all this with a twinkle of tears in his eyes as the gravity of the moment catches up to him and the audience feels the power of his words wash over them. His inspirational motto, "don't give up, don't ever give up," has lived on to inspire many.

"I'd like to think, I'm going to fight my brains out to be back here again next year for the Arthur Ashe recipient. I want to give it next year!". He says these words with such force and exuberance and the crowd reacts with tumultuous applause, that you truly believe that he will be able to fight metastasized bone cancer and be back again next year with that cheerful and enthusiastic smile on his face. But you also know there is a sense of foreboding, knowing as I did before watching his speech, that he did succumb to cancer.

"Cancer can take away all my physical abilities. It cannot touch my mind, it cannot touch my heart, and it cannot touch my soul. And those three things are going to carry on forever. I thank you and God bless you all." Valvano echoes these words in conclusion and you can't help but feel moved as I'm sure the people who heard his speech live and sent him off the stage with a standing ovation felt. Jimmy Valvano didn't make it to next year's ESPY's. He died eight weeks after that speech. But the Jimmy V Foundation dedicated to cancer research lives on and, "has awarded more than $90 million to more than 100 facilities nationwide and proudly awards 100% of direct donations and net event proceeds to cancer research". Jimmy Valvano's words impart on me the importance of enjoying your life because it's short and precious. To live with the joy and enthusiasm that he lived with. And when times are bad ,"don't give up, don't ever give up,".

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My Birthright experience

By Ryan Lee
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

I had a substantially different upbringing than most people do in many ways, the most significant of which is my lack of an organized religion. Not that my parents are atheists, because atheists make a conscious decision to be atheists. Sure, my dad goes to church sometimes, and my mom prays when someone dies, but does that make them religious? Oh, I should mention that my parents are of different religions—my mom is Jewish, and my dad is Episcopalian (or, as he likes to call it, "Catholic Lite").

In these assumptions I've made, I've overlooked one very key point. I'm sure most of the people in the world will agree that in order to be religious, one has to be active in the religion itself. That means attending services, participating in religious traditions, observing the holidays, etc. Is this assumption a valid one? Can one be religious without actually participating in it? According to my parents, the answer is most emphatically, "YES!"

For so long, my mom has told me, "If you're a good person, you don't have to go to synagogue or church or wherever else to prove it." And for so long, I believed her. I still believe her. But during the past year or so, my opinion has changed slightly.

When I first heard that people between the ages of 18 and 26 who have a Jewish mother or grandmother were eligible for a program called "Birthright," I was very excited. A free trip to Israel? Why not? That was before I started paying close attention to the Middle East on the news. Then I got scared. Suicide bombers and missiles fired from preschools in Gaza at Israeli cities—these were common kinds of stories on the news. I was reluctant. However, after much convincing, I decided to apply. When I was accepted, I was less than excited. "Maybe I shouldn't go," I thought. "I've never been a practicing Jew, so maybe I should let someone more religious take my place. And it's so dangerous! What if a bomb goes off while I'm there?!" Needless to say, I was worried. Petrified, actually. It was thanks to many of my friends, all of whom had traveled to the Holy Land many times before, that I began to realize that my vision of Israel may have been unnecessarily tainted. Yes, I was worried, but I went anyway.

When we first arrived at the airport, Patti gave us a very stern warning. After she left, Gil and Shira took over. I'd like to take a moment to applaud Gil and Shira's immense aptitude. Without them, our trip would not have progressed as smoothly as it did. Having traveled to Israel so many times before, they knew their way around so well. But enough gushing.

How can I describe the feeling? How does one put into words something that is inherently indescribable? When the plane landed and we disembarked, I peered out the window at the city of Tel Aviv in the distance. I heard voices beckoning me on. Ancient voices.

In Jerusalem, at the Western Wall, the voices again regaled me with stories of times gone by. They reminded me of the suffering that the Jewish people have endured since the time of Abraham, many thousands of years ago. They prayed with me as I prayed.

They followed me, their bones buckling beneath their weight but continuing to trudge onward for my sake, up the mountain to Masada. They exclaimed, "Masada will not fall again; the Jewish people are alive!" The love they felt for me, for all of us, was implicit. Many of these people sacrificed themselves for their religion. The people who committed suicide at Masada died for their deep faith and trust in their G-d. It bonded them. It united them. It gave them meaning. In the Holocaust, almost seven million innocent Jews perished simply because of their Jewish identity. To the Nazis, the Jews were not human. They were evil, calculating, underhanded, disgusting beings whose sole purpose was to torture the Aryan race.

From left: Jacob Kupin, Gil Schpero, and Ryan Lee Praying at the Western Wall, Jerusalem, Israel.

Photo by Ryan Lee

I thought about those Jews a great deal during this trip. Those voices who spoke to me suffered at Masada, died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz, and disappeared in a puff of smoke at the hands of a car bomber in the West Bank. But they were all together, united as one. The man whose limp body fell by his brother's hand at Masada was no different than the woman whose life was senselessly cut short when a Nazi soldier locked her in the gas chamber. They shared something that transcends time: they were both Jews.

I think that that was what impacted me most about Israel. Of course, the monuments and the ruins were awe-inspiring in and of themselves, but it was the people who lived through agonizing strife who made their mark on me. Masada was amazing because so many people gave up their lives for Judaism. The Wall was incredible because when I ran my hand over it, I touched the hands of millions of people who shared our Judaism. It is "our" Judaism. Not mine, not his, not hers, not yours. It's ours.

How can I describe the feeling? How does one put into words something that is inherently indescribable? When the plane landed and we disembarked, I peered out the window at the city of Tel Aviv in the distance. I heard voices beckoning me on. Ancient voices.

At the conclusion of the trip, I, along with Emily Paulus and Molly Jagoda, became a Bar Mitzvah (in their cases, they became Bat Mitzvahot). First of all, the rabbi, Meaghan (sic), was upbeat, bubbly, engaging, and jovial. She put me at ease right away. The night before, Gil and Shira, went over the Torah blessings with me. Gil helped me with the tune. Ever the perfectionist, I rehearsed them at least fifty times before I was satisfied. The next day, at the service on January 14, I was the last to make the Aliyah to the miniature Torah. I sang the blessings, with my grandpa Ivan's tallis and kippa adorning me, and in that very instant, I felt truly Jewish. I became a man in the eyes of my religion, and as a man, I now have an obligation to advocate for our faith and for our Israeli nationality.

When our tour guide, Oshrit, told us at the outset of the trip, "You don't travel through Israel. Israel travels through you," I didn't pay much attention. But now I get it. Now it all makes sense. We didn't go to Israel to see the sites; we went to Israel to remind us of what a powerful legacy we are continuing. We are on a journey that began thousands of years ago, and in spite of all the anti-Semitism that has existed since Abraham, we have endured. The Jews are the longest-suffering people in recorded history. But they are also the longest-lasting people in recorded history. Although the past is a great burden to be carrying, we must continue to endure so that our ancestors did not die in vain. Those screaming men, women, and children at Masada did not die for nothing. They died for us. They all died so that we could be here today and call ourselves Jews. It's overwhelming to think about. I haven't quite processed the magnitude of it yet. I doubt I ever will.

However, the Jewish people continue to fight against anti-Semitism, as they have for so long. The Palestinian terror organization, Hamas, poisons the minds of its citizens to believe that the Jews are responsible for all the problems of the world and thus deserve to die. (Nazis, anyone?) The Palestinian Authority, headed by President Mahmoud Abbas, refuses to recognize Israel as a state. Many believe it is simply a question of land, but upon further research, one realizes that it is driven completely by anti-Semitism.

But why? Why is there so much hatred? Why can't Muslims and Jews live in harmony? What started the conflict?

I think that at the root of being Jewish, we have an obligation to fight for our religion. G-d presents obstacles that we must overcome for His sake. And in so doing, we must also fight for the State of Israel, which is a symbol of Judaism itself. Without Israel, there is no Judaism. I understand that now. I've been endowed with a new appreciation of and fervor for Israel's existence.

As Golda Meir, the third Prime Minister of Israel, once said, "I think, for any Jew, if he has a basic interest in the continuity of the Jewish people, then he cannot divide it from the security and life of Israel. Then it becomes one." I am so proud to be Jewish now. We are among a community of people who may have never met us but who love us anyway. I think all people need to be a part of some sort of a community. In my case, Judaism fulfills that purpose. To all of those Jews who feel even the slightest desire to travel to our homeland for the first time, I implore you to go. It will change your views on life and the world. It will change you forever, as it changed me.

Campus Safety Notes

Dec. 12 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Egner Memorial Chapel, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to contractors working in the building. An electrician was notified to respond. The system was silenced and will be reset when the work is done.

Dec. 12 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of found items including ear buds, rings, eyeglasses, and a charm. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Dec. 12 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to toilet paper dispensers. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 12 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to someone spraying possibly hairspray. An electrician was notified to respond. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 12 – Personnel Complaint – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a personnel complaint. An individual was spoken to by a Campus Safety officer and escorted off campus. There was no further incident.

Dec. 12 – Harassment by Communication – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of harassment by electronic communication. The individual was identified. There was no further incident.

Dec. 13 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick visitor. The Health Center was notified and responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the individual to the hospital.

Dec. 13 – Hit and Run – On N. 24th St., there was a report of a hit and run. A rear view mirror was found on the ground. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 13 – Attempted Theft – In Trexler Library, there was a report of an attempted theft of a laptop. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 14 – Larceny/Theft From Vehicle – On Gordon St., there was a report of theft of a GPS and charger from a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 14 – Found Property – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a found card. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Dec. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 14 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Dec. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to aerosol spray. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 15 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was advised to see the Health Center in the morning.

Dec. 15 – Disabled Vehicle/Motor Vehicle Assist – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of a disabled vehicle. A tow truck responded and assisted the individual. There was no further incident.

Dec. 16 – Larceny/Theft – On the front drive, there was a report of a theft of a Muhlenberg College flag. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 16 – Found Property – In the football stadium, there was a report of a found vehicle key. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The key was placed in the lost and found locker.

Dec. 16 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In East Hall (D Block, first floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to a dirty detector. The system was silenced and reset. An electrician responded and replaced the detector.

Dec. 16 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to four electrical cords. Two electrical cords were cut and two were taken. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified.

Dec. 16 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation found while performing room checks for Winter Break. A Campus Safety officer disposed the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In East Hall (C Block, third floor), there was a report of an alcohol violation found while performing room checks for Winter Break. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Also found in the room were fire safety violations, including items hanging from the sprinkler system pipe. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 17 – Check the Welfare/Locate – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report to check to the welfare of a student. Contact was made and the student spoke with their parents.

Dec. 18 – Property Damage (Non-Criminal Act) – In the Village fire lane, there was a report of damage to a retaining wall. A vehicle possibly struck the wall. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 18 – Check the Welfare/Locate – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report to check the welfare of a student. Contact was made with the student and the parents were notified.

Dec. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 417 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Dec. 22 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of a found student ID card. A message was sent to the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Dec. 22 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Robertson Hall, first floor, there was a report of a covered smoke detector in a room that was found while performing fire alarm checks. A fire safety violation fine will be sent to the resident.

Dec. 22 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of stencil graffiti. Plant Operations was notified to clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 23 – Found Property – In the Hillel/Sociology/Anthropology building, there was a report of a found drumstick. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Dec. 26 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2604 Chew St., there was a report of vandalism to an ornamental light. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to replace the light.

Dec. 29 – Point of Information – On Liberty St., there was a report of a bicycle that was secured to a fenced in area during break and is now gone. Only the chain and the lock were found on the ground. The chain and lock were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Jan. 2 – Property Damage (Non-Criminal Act) – In the Haas College Center, there was a report of damage found to a metal garbage receptacle and concrete. Suspects have been identified and will take care of replacing the damaged property. There was no further incident.

Jan. 2 – Suspicious Activity – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a hole in the ceiling. A bullet entering from the exterior of the building caused the hole. Allentown Police Department responded and took a report. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 2 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2309 Turner St. (Rehearsal House), there was a report of vandalism to an exterior door. The handle was broken. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to repair the handle.

Jan. 3 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, pool area, there was a report of a found watch. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The watch was placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 4 – Suspicious Activity – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report of a student in a room without permission. The student was identified and will stay in another students' room who has permission to be on campus over break. There was no further incident.

Jan. 5 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Walz Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to a broken water pipe. Allentown Fire Department responded. Plant Operations was notified and responded. Residential Services was also notified. The system was eventually silenced and reset.

Jan. 9 – Found Property – In the East Hall fire lane, there was a report of a found student ID card. The ID card was not in good working condition. The student already replaced the card. A Campus Safety officer shredded the card.

Jan. 12 – Noise Complaint (City Ordinance) – Off campus, there was a report of a noise complaint at an off campus residence. Allentown Police Department responded. Upon their arrival, it was quiet and no one answered the door.

Jan. 12 – Found Property – In Walson Hall, there was a report of a found wallet and game. The owner was unable to be contacted. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 14 – Suspicious Activity – In the Plant Operations mailroom, there was a report of a suspicious powder found while sorting mail. Allentown Police Department and Allentown Fire Department responded. The powder appears to have occurred during the mail sorting process from the post office creating paper dust. There was no further incident.

Jan. 15 – Deliver Message – In Trexler Library, there was a report to deliver a message to an employee. The message was delivered and a Campus Safety officer transported the employee to the hospital.

Jan. 15 – Larceny/Theft – In the Life Sports Center, basketball court, there was a report of theft of gym bags. A Campus Safety officer checked the building and area. The bags were not found. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 16 – Larceny/Theft – In the Center for the Arts west parking lots, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The student was issued a new parking sticker.

Jan. 17 – Vandalism to Vehicle – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a vehicle with the driver's side window broken. Nothing was taken from the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 17 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Jan. 17 – Smoke/Burning Odor – In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a smell of smoke. Allentown Fire Department responded but no cause could be found. A work order was submitted to Plant Operations to check the building for any possible electrical malfunctions.

Jan. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of bananas thrown in a stairwell. Residential Services was notified.

Jan. 18 – Vehicle Lock Out – In the sorority parking lot, there was a report of keys locked in a vehicle. A Campus Safety officer retrieved the key without incident.

Jan. 19 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found student ID card and a room key. The room key was turned over to Residential Services. A message was left with the owner of the ID card to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Jan. 19 – Found Property – In the Hillel/Sociology/Anthropology building, there was a report of a found purse. The owner later claimed the item.

Jan. 19 – Injured Visitor – In Trexler Library, there was a report of an injured visitor. The Health Center responded. A family member took the visitor to the hospital.

Jan. 19 – Lost Property – In Shankweiler, there was a report of theft of a jacket. The jacket was later found not to be stolen. There was no further incident.

Jan. 19 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found purse. The owner was contacted and will pick up the item. The purse was placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 19 – Possession of False Identification – Off campus, two students attempted to use false IDs at Main Gate. Allentown Police Department responded. Both students were cited by Allentown Police Department for Carrying a False Identification.

Jan. 20 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Robertson Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Jan. 20 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found insulin pack. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 20 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found student ID card. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Jan. 20 – Larceny/Theft – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found base to a pedestrian yield sign from Chew Street. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 20 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The student was issued a new sticker.

Jan. 20 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On the back drive, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS, Allentown Police Department, and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. The student was cited by Allentown Police Department for Underage Drinking.

Jan. 21 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found wallet. In the wallet was a false ID card. The false ID card was placed in the evidence locker. The student retrieved the wallet and remaining contents. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 21 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the football stadium, there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident involving a College vehicle. Plant Operations was notified.

Jan. 21 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – Off campus, there was a report of an alcohol violation involving a student and non-student. Allentown Police Department cited both individuals. Both individuals were taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Jan. 22 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Jan. 22 – Injured Visitor – In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report of an injured visitor, involving alcohol. Muhlenberg College EMS, Allentown Police Department, and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported a non-student to the hospital.

Jan. 22 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital. A Campus Safety officer found alcohol in the room and discarded it. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 22 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 22 – Disorderly Conduct – At Saint Luke's Hospital Annex, there was a report of disorderly conduct by the student involved in an alcohol violation in the above note. Allentown Police Department responded and took the student into custody.

Jan. 22 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall Annex, there was a report of vandalism. An unknown person ripped down shower curtains, vandalized paper towel dispensers, and tore down flyers from a bulletin board. The investigation will continue.

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Thornburg speaks on the fate of the humanities at C & F

by Debbie Kovach

Spring semester Coffee and Fellowship began Jan. 19 in the Center for the Arts recital hall with Dr. Robert Thornburg, Professor of English, speaking on the topic "Down But Not Out: The Humanities and their Professors."

The Chaplain's office sponsors the semester-long series of Wednesday lecture-discussions. Assistant Chaplain Roger Timm said the weekly event is meant to be a place where faculty members and students can listen to each other's ideas.

He said, "We think it's important to provide an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to come together to hear a faculty person share something he or she has been working on."

This semester's special four-week series, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 23, is entitled "Death and Dying and Their Meaning for Life." Sponsored by the Values Action Committee, Timm said the series will focus on "What is Death? What is its meaning? How do you face it? How do you cope with it?"

The series will include presentations by both students and faculty.

Thornburg began the semester's first Coffee and Fellowship with his lecture on a recent article he wrote for a periodical entitled *Academy: Lutherans in Profession*.

His voice edged with a bit of humor, he presented his serious view of the fate of the humanities. Thornburg began, "Like that other fabulous invalid the theatre, which according to its chroniclers and critics is generally declining but never disappears, the humanities have been reported for decades to be in a crisis or a plight."

He cited an early 1982 editorial in *Theology Today*, which listed the three most important issues of the day, in order, as "the increasing peril of the nuclear arms race," "the collapse of academic morale," and "the once traditional Christian humanism of colleges and universities (as) no longer viable."

He then related two different theatrical productions he had experienced in the last year, which he said clarified his understanding of "his vocation as a teacher of the humanities in these parlous days and to rectify and strengthen his commitment to it."

The first was a half-hour-long drama called *Open Admissions* by Shirley Lauro, which presents a confrontation between a black freshman student and a white speech professor at a public urban university. Over the course of the drama issues such as grade inflation, professorial insensitivity, "the credentials game," racial and sexual discrimination, and the purposes and shortcomings of education are explored.

Thornburg cited two commentators whom he said "indicate that teacher and student alike are, so to speak, in need of salvation, struggling to find meaning and value in their lives."

The second theatrical production he talked about was Leonard Bernstein's *MASS: A Theatre Piece for Singers, Players and Dancers,* which Thornburg said was different from the sparse *Open Admissions* in almost every conceivable way.

He explained the conflict in the *MASS* between the traditional worship and the actual twentieth century reality of worship. He said, "The crisis of belief flares up at the end of the CREDO when a rock singer, backed up by the street chorus cries, 'I believe in God but does God believe in me?' "

Thornburg said that "what happens in the work is not the destruction or the discrediting of the liturgy but its revitalization. It has been lived."

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Dr. Robert Thornburg, Professor of English, begins this semester's Coffee and Fellowship series.

Board increases college fees 10.1%; Directors promote two faculty members

The Muhlenberg College Board of Directors today set the fee for tuition, room and board for the 1983-84 academic year at $8,750. Tuition was increased from $5,975 to $6,585. The room fee was increased to $900 to $1,000; and board was raised from $1,075 to $1,165. The $8,750 total is an increase of $800, or 10.1% over the current fee total of $7,950.

John A. Deitrich of Summit, N.J., chairman of the Board of Directors, said the increase was necessary due to rising costs of fuel, electricity, food, and faculty and staff salaries. Deitrich also noted that Muhlenberg's new $5.3-million Life Sports Center, completed in September 1982, will require additional operating costs as recreational uses of the facility expand.

In addition to setting the 1983-84 fee structure, the directors approved promotions in rank for two faculty members.

Dr. Kenneth R. Graham, who joined the Muhlenberg faculty as assistant professor of psychology in 1970, was promoted to professor. Graham holds the A.B. from the University of Pennsylvania and the Ph.D. from Stanford University. He was promoted to associate professor and was granted tenure in 1977.

Graham is the author of a textbook on psychological research, "Controlled Interpersonal Interaction," published in 1977, and a second book, "A Biosocial Approach to Perception," is under consideration by a publisher.

He has served as president of the division of psychological hypnosis of the American Psychological Association (APA), and was elected recently to the APA Council of Representatives.

Dr. James N. Marshall, who has taught at Muhlenberg since 1975 and was granted tenure effective in 1983, was promoted to associate professor of economics and finance.

Marshall earned the B.S. in economics and the B.S. in civil engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the M.B.A. in finance at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Ph.D. in economics and finance at Lehigh University. Prior to coming to Muhlenberg, he was head of the department of economics and business at Lincoln University, and was a project engineer in the Army Corps of Engineers.

His dissertation, "The Pension Fund Asset Mix Decision in a World of Economic Uncertainty: A Simulation Approach," examined the optimal fund asset mix under a variety of possible economic scenarios.

Board Chairman John Deitrich also announced that John B. Bartlett had been elected by the Southeast Synod of the Lutheran Church in America to the Muhlenberg College Board of Directors to fill a vacancy. Bartlett is executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Fidelcor, Inc., The Fidelity Bank, Philadelphia. He is a graduate of Amherst College and the University of Virginia School of Law.

WMUH readies for spring semester; Station begins 24 hour format on FM

by Suzanne V. Ziegler

WMUH, at 91.7 FM, is making some changes for the '83 spring semester, in a continued effort to make their slogan "The only station that matters" a reality.

An improvement for this semester, which will further increase the range of WMUH's listenership, is continuous broadcasting, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. According to the station's manager, Marc Krones, the trial period last semester was very successful—24 hour broadcasting is "something I'm very proud of," he said.

This increase of broadcasting time is greatly due, he noted, to community volunteers who take many of the "graveyard shifts" (late night, early morning). In addition, they help make year-round broadcasting possible at WMUH.

Krones noted two new programs which will begin this semester: the "BBC concert hour" and "Newsweek FM" on Sunday nights, featuring interviews with entertainment personalities. Both of these programs utilize pre-recorded material, he said, which allows WMUH to give greater scope in the material presented to its audience in the Lehigh Valley.

According to Krones, great variety is represented in the station's programming, with shows featuring classical, opera, gospel, "swing", and show tunes, as well as the more popular rock and pop music. "We try to serve the community with shows that wouldn't normally be heard on the radio," said Krones.

Krones emphasized the importance of being a college station. There are "no ratings and we're not trying to please any advertisers." This allows for more experimentation and a free format with no real restrictions, he said.

The college's AM station experienced many setbacks last semester, due to equipment failures and scheduling problems with the radio production class. However, Krones said, AM is ready to begin

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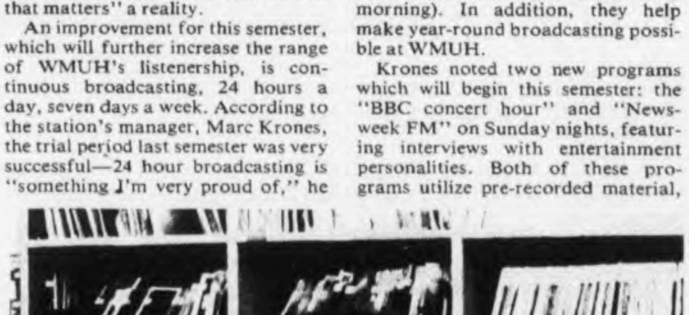

Marc Krones '83, WMUH station manager, announces the program schedule for the new year.

Photo by Jensen

• Choir Tour

During the Christmas break, the Muhlenberg Festival Choir, comprised of students and other members of the college community, went on a retreat and began preparations for their Spring concert to be held on February 26th. This particular concert will be in celebration of two special occasions, the first being the 500th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, and the second being the 25th anniversary of co-education at Muhlenberg.

The choir traveled to the Pocono Environmental Education Center in

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Pledge Drive gears up

by Chris Tatarian

Among the final efforts undertaken by the class of '83 is the Senior Class Pledge Drive. From the Jan. 30 kickoff dinner and training session for canvassers to Feb. 25, the Pledge Drive Committee hopes to raise $70,000 in pledges.

By Feb. 25, the canvassing committee will have approached every senior. They will explain the purpose of the pledge drive and how the contributions will be handled.

Each senior is asked to pledge a minimum of $20 a year. These contributions will be invested and after ten years, contributors' suggestions will be used to decide on a gift to donate to the school. Muhlenberg will receive their first class gift next year from the class of '74. This class initiated the annual Senior Class Pledge Drive recognizing the need for organized funding.

Since the tuition each student pays only covers 70 percent to 80 percent of the cost of his education, additional money is needed. Endowments and contributions from alumni and other supporters make up the difference. "Someone else is picking up the bills," said Diana Risell, General Chairperson of the Pledge Drive. "They did it for me. I'd like to pass it on."

Contributions from pledge drives assure the financial soundness and stability of the school. Muhlenberg relies on contributions for the continual upkeep and growth of the school's academic programs and facilities.

"Without people believing in Muhlenberg," says Risell, "the

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WEEKLY Life!

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."
- Oscar Wilde

More than the "Right Kind" of Internship

By Samuel Goodman
Life Writer

Before attending the Lutheran College Washington Semester program this past fall, I had no experience with interning at a business. From what I had gathered from peers, interning can be a "go here, do this" kind of experience. The associate you are under instructs you on what tasks to perform and sometimes even how to perform them while going off to do work that will actually benefit the business. Personally, I was just looking for a little "real world" experience I could take back with me, if not something interesting I could put on my resume.

I considered the Washington semester a win-win situation for me. Not only does the program guarantee an internship, it allows individuals to experience the lifestyle of living in a city on one's own, from showing up at a job every day to making dinner every night, and all the things in between. The program provided everything I wanted to familiarize myself with before graduating. All I needed was to find the right kind of internship.

When I say "right kind," I am referring to what I envisioned as a proper internship: suits, structure and a sound professional environment. Being an accounting major, I applied to several firms that I thought would give me the experienced I wanted. However, the downed economy saw all my applications rejected, not because I was a bad candidate, but simply because the firms had discontinued their internships until the economy recovered.

I redirected my efforts to finding an internship involving any aspect in the business field and eventually found a marketing associate position at Voice Newspapers, a small newspaper publisher in lower Maryland. Voice was not the kind of businessd I expected to work for, nor was it the "right kind" of internship. However, Voice showed me the obstacles a small company must overcome to keep their business afloat, or in my manager Eric's metaphor, in the air.

His metaphor goes like this: "This business is kind of like fixing a plane while it's in flight." The idea is pretty straight forward. The manager is the pilot, flying and directing the path of the business by maintaining managerial tasks. Since the business is operating, it's "in flight." "Fixing" requires tackling all the seen and unforeseen problems of working with new ideas or a new business environment in order to keep the company from, shall we say, "careening into the sea never to be seen again."

Unfortunately, since Voice had decided to expand not only its physical presence in the local area but build an online news source for a younger readership as well, I witnessed and was a part of several "fixes" to keep our plane airborne. My tasks changed rapidly from calmly building a portion of the website, to quickly researching new online newspaper tactics, to cold calling a hundred numbers a day in order to find just one more advertiser that would be interested in being a part of our paper. To continue with the metaphor, this meant that Eric wanted me to help patch up the hull while constructing another engine and making sure there was enough fuel to keep going, all while in flight. There was a limited amount of time to do things before we crashed, and all of them were high priority.

The ever- changing pace of completing several tasks at once was frustrating and at times exhausting. But this is how the small company operated: by doggedly tackling the unforeseen while trying to maintain the operations that would keep us flying. It was harrowing because I knew that since the business was small, the duties I was responsible for had a real and tangible outcome on its future.

At the same time, knowing that fact ended up being the ultimate reward for me. It gave me a reason to fully invest myself in the internhip. Eric relied on me, not to accomplish menial tasks, but to take on duties that would greatly benefit the company and perhaps even prevent critical problems from dismantling the business. Eric even confided in me a few times, asking how youth viewed social media and what he could do to capitalize on its success.

I found myself donating my time to represent the company in local festivals. People would come up to the tent and tell us how they "loved the paper and how it united the community". And I couldn't help feeling a little pride standing there under a tent, sometimes in the rain, wearing a Voice t-shirt and shouting "support your local newspaper. Check out the *Voice*" to the passing crowd.

It wasn't the "right kind" of internship, but it wasn't a "go here, do this" experience either. Voice showed me the desperate mechanics of keeping everything air borne while at the same time giving me the opportunity to feel invested in the company. I cannot say that I enjoyed every minute of working, but I can say that I plan on using my experience to help build my future.

I wouldn't advise students thinking of studying abroad to just gloss over the Washington Semester Program. Their internship might not be as unique as my own. Nevertheless, it might not be the "right kind" of internship either.

Alumni Spotlight on Abby VanHouten

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

This week we are continuing a relatively new program for the paper called "Almuni Spotlight." We want to inform current students and faculty of what the alumni are doing in their post-college lives by providing an interview with answers to the questions you all are dying to read!

Abby VanHouten
Class of 2005
Major: Mathematics

1) **What is your job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.**

I am a manager in the Deloitte Tax LLP New York transfer pricing group. My job function relates generally to international corporate tax compliance and planning. My day to day responsibilities vary depending upon the particular project I am working on that day, but include generally:

Meeting with clients to evaluate the facts and circumstances of their businesses
Corresponding with clients and colleagues (via phone, e-mail, etc.) in order to discuss the status of projects, next steps, etc.
Economic modeling (largely excel-based) to evaluate our clients' intercompany pricing strategies (e.g., related to intercompany, cross-border charges for the sale of goods, provision of services, etc.)
Writing and reviewing reports and memoranda describing the facts of our clients and their industries, the results of our economic analysis and the relevant tax law
Assisting clients in responding to IRS inquiries in the event of a transfer pricing audit

VanHouten is enjoying the "real world".
Photo Courtesy of Abby VanHouten

2) **What is your commute like?**

I recently moved to White Plains, NY, so commute an hour and 20 minutes (via the metro north railroad and a transfer to the subway) down to the World Financial Center in downtown Manhattan (which is directly next to the World Trade Center site).

3) **What has the transition been like from being a student to working full time?**

The transition is both a difficult and fulfilling one. An aspect of starting a new job that I was not appreciative of before I started at Deloitte (as my only comparison was starting a new semester of classes!) is that you are necessarily thrown in with a bunch of folks who are already several years (if not decades) into their careers. As such, there is a significant disparity in your ability as a new hire and that of all the experienced people with whom you start working. While most workplaces will identify for you an advisor to assist you with the onboarding process, I found this "I know nothing" feeling a bit frustrating and overwhelming during the first couple of months. Once I overcame this initial discomfort, having gained an understanding that it is actually expected that it will take new hires several months to get up to speed with the rest of the group, I was able to step back and appreciate that, for the first time in my life, I was fully independent and could start giving back to all those

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Ask the Panda Girl:

The Weekly's advice column

The Panda Girl

Hey there Mules! Hope you had a pleasant winter break. I'm sure you all had your share of home cooked meals and baked goods, not to mention perhaps overindulging during some New Year celebrations. Hey, it's the holidays, that's what they're for!

Now it's time to get back on track. New Year, a new future is ahead. According to some, it may be our last, so let's make it count! Remember the age-old tradition of making resolutions? Well, they're a pretty cool thing, actually. Here are some tips to cover the typical New Year's resolutions: exercising, eating healthier and living better.

We have a great gym facility here on campus. Membership comes with tuition, so go get your money's worth! Remember that silly fitness and wellness class we all had to take. That was to teach you how to use our gym. Did anybody pay attention? If you didn't, don't worry; all the equipment has instructions for proper use written on them. Schedule a time to go to the gym as if it is a class. Perhaps make it a Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday thing. Or a Monday/Wednesday/Friday thing. Fit it into your schedule and discipline yourself to go. And did you know we have a pool? Swimming is great exercise and great fun. Grab some friends, grab your suit, and go!

Our campus dining is one of the best among colleges, believe it or not. Take advantage of our wide variety of options. Get some color on your fiesta ware plates, especially greens! Take inventory of your plates, and try to get some of every food group on there. Grab a banana or an orange with your dinner. Maybe get a glass of milk instead of a soda. Our salad bar is pretty tasty and easily customizable with the variety of options. Try getting some of the meat from Magellan's or the Chef's Table and throwing it on top of a bed of mixed greens. Maybe for lunch hour, hit the gym then head over to Cyclone Salads for something tasty and nutritious. The most dangerous part of our dining is our desserts. They're tasty and readily available. They're okay once in a while, but try to lay off the nightly slice of cake. Personally, I love fro-yo because it's fat free. And a great way to have the occasional sweet splurge without feeling too guilty.

How is your desk looking? Now's the time to dig through those drawers and clear out the clutter, before classes get too demanding. Reorganize your bookshelf and notebooks. Planners are on sale in the bookstore. For Christmas, I got a big dry-erase calendar to stick on my wall. It's a great way to keep track of important dates, especially because I can move things and change things easily as college life gets pretty crazy.

What about lifestyle beyond the classroom? Are there friends you've lost touch with? Family members you maybe should call more often? Are you waking up on Sunday mornings regretting the night before? New semester, new you. Time to rethink what your life is like and make some smart decisions that can lead to good habits, good relationships, and a good life.

Send your letters to: AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or to box 2072

The Magical Taste of Walt Disney World

By Alexandra Lizzi
Life Writer

I am the youngest member of my family at the age of 21. My family and I vacationed at the charming Walt Disney World for this past New Year's celebration.

I relived my childhood by falling, star-struck, for the elegantly dressed Cinderella and the practically- perfect- in- every -way Mary Poppins. I was heart broken when the five days passed and it was time to leave this magical world and return home to the unsettling 24 degree weather that I unfortunately call home. However, still feeling the rush of childish excitement in my sou,l I was eager to recreate the magic at home as much as possible. After putting on the soundtrack of Fantasia as background music, I invented a recipe to recreate a chocolate- and -caramel covered Mickey Mouse apple with the help of an established pastry chef (aka: my brother's girlfriend), Kate Hearter. This is how it went down:

Recipe:
Ingredients:
1 large apple of your choice
1 1/2 c. Granulated sugar
1/4 c. water
1 c. Heavy cream
2 bars of dark chocolate
Red sanding sugar
2 yellow jellybeans
1 large marshmallow

Procedure:

In a medium saucepan, bring sugar and water and calmly boil over medium heat. Let the sugar and water bubble until brown approximately 315 degrees.

Once sugar has browned, remove pan from hea. Carefully pour in cream and stir. This will create steam, so be careful not to get burned. Let caramel sit at room temperature to cool until the proper caramel consistency forms for dipping (about 10 min). Dip the apple completely in the caramel using a form inserted into the top of the apple.

Place apple onto plate and refrigerate. (Approx 10 minutes) Meanwhile, put chocolate on double boiler until melted. Once the caramel apple is set, dip in melted chocolate, but move quickly so you do not re-melt the caramel. Allow chocolate to set up slightly before rolling halfway in red sugar. You want the sugar to stick, but not for the chocolate to drip off into the sugar.

Put chocolate coated apple onto a clean plate and return to fridge, until chocolate is hard and set. Meanwhile, cut a large marshmallow in half width-wise and, using toothpicks, dip pieces into melted chocolate. Place on parchment and let set in the fridge also.

Once apple is set, take jellybeans and dip ever so slightly into the chocolate and place them on the apple as you would see buttons on Mickey's "pants."Return apple to fridge to set.

Once buttons are set, attach marshmallow "ears" to the apple in the same fashion as the jellybeans.

Voila! Mickey Mouse Apple time!

Faculty at Work

By Kathryn Burke
Life Writer

The Martin Art Gallery proudly presents *Faculty at Work,* a showcase of the diverse technical skills, creativity, and talent ofthe eleven artists who comprise the Department of Studio Art at the College. The showcase will last from Jan.18 to Feb. 25.

This comprehensive exhibition includes both full-time professors as well as part-time adjunct lecturers. Intentional effort was made to juxtapose these artists' exploration and use of traditional media and subject, graphite drawing, figurative and abstract painting, and black-and-white photography against contemporary applicatios of printmaking, digital photography sound art, and object-oriented installation. The resulting eclectic mix emphasizes and celebrates the energy and pluarlism of contemporary art practice.

The participating artists include: Raymond Barnes, Professor of Art and Painting; Greta Brubaker, Adjunct Lecturer of Art and Photography; Joseph E.B. Elliott, Professor of Art and Photogrpahy; Amze Emmons, Associate Professor of Art and Printmaking, and many other valued artists.

A reception for the artists will be held Wed., Jan. 25 from 4:30 pm to 6 pm in the Martin Art Gallery. Events and programs that take place at the gallery are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Tues. through Sat. from 12 pm to 8 pm.; other hours are by appointment. The gallery is closed during semester breaks and holidays.

Faux Chevalier

By Alexanda Legregin
Life Writer

A crowded room, a cluttered hall.
Their eyes will meet.
Their hands will fall.
Their voices low.
Their whispers slight.
However will they dance tonight?

For she is weak, and he is blind.
She cannot keep him from her mind.
He scans the room and thinks out loud,
"And who is hiding in this crowd?"
Her back is turned, she feels him near.
She cannot look, she cannot hear.
Instead he pulls her from behind,
She cant think fast, her arms unwind-

Now face to face and eye to eye,
She leans in close, he heaves a sigh.
The music plays, the couples dance.
The room is filled with great romance.
A valiant man, a simple girl
He draws her in with every twirl.
With every step and every turn,
Her heart will skip. His eyes will burn.

The music stops-her hands, her own.
For he is gone, she stands alone.
A crowded room, a cluttered hall.
A man and girl have lost it all.

Broken Hearts

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who had provided their unconditional support in preparing me to get that first job.

4) **Do you plan on going back to school to get an advance degree? If yes, in what?**

In fact, I went on for my advanced degree directly after graduating from Muhlenberg. I have a Masters of Economics from the University of Virginia.

5) **What are tips you would give to students looking for jobs?**

Ask tons of questions! Not only is your potential employer interviewing you in order to gain an understanding of your background, credentials and suitability for the position, but you should also be in a sense interviewing your potential employer in order to obtain as much information as possible regarding your possible new career. After all, this will be a place where you are going to be spending the majority of your waking hours, so it is worth the effort upfront to get to know what your colleagues will be like and if you believe you will enjoy the work.

6) **What do you miss most about being on campus?**

I certainly miss the sense of camaraderie. On campus, it always seemed that I was surrounded by a group of 20 of my closest friends (or math buddies!) "Growing up" requires much more independence, as well as a degree of social ambition that was not necessarily required at Muhlenberg, where you could walk down your hallway and be greeted by any number of friends.

7) **Is there something you appreciate about Muhlenberg now that you are no longer a student?**

I did not appreciate nearly enough the break at the end of each semester and the fresh start at the beginning of every new semester. Working at a client service firm, with a variety of projects going at any given time, there is never a point in time when all projects will be "finished" – they will all be taking place at various stages and levels of intensity throughout the year. While vacations are of course encouraged, the project I left behind will be right where I left off when I return (and may even require attention while on vacation!)

8) **Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?**

Work hard, play hard. This has been a motto I have tried to live pursuant to throughout my time at Muhlenberg and now into my career. Muhlenberg provides above average resources (a remarkable faculty, a highly developed academic support services center, etc.) to those students wishing to make the most out of their academic careers, which is achieved in large part through a great deal of hard work on the part of the student. In my opinion, working hard on your coursework allows you to appreciate your "play" time (be it participating in a music or dance group, volunteering in community service activities, or simply socializing with friends) to a heightened degree.

9) **How do you stay connected to Muhlenberg?**

I stay connected to Muhlenberg in a variety of ways. My niece (Torie Wenhold) is currently a junior at Muhlenberg, so she keeps me up-to-date regarding all of the happenings on campus. I also stay in close touch with several of my professors (even having traveled to Maastricht to visit with Sam Laposata while he was there with the Muhlenberg business students, and to Cambridge to visit with Bill and Penny Dunham while they were there on sabbatical, over the past several years). I also am actively involved in Deloitte's recruiting efforts at Muhlenberg.

Fashion Showdown: People's Choice Awards vs. the Golden Globes

By Natalie Weiss
Life Writer

It's that time of year, fashionistas: award season. The time when all the most successful stars wear their very best on the redcarpet. The most recent award shows, the People's Choice Awards and the Golden Globes, brought out lots of different styles. From vintage gowns to designer shoes, the stars gave glamour a whole new meaning.

The ladies looked stunning in their evening attire and the men cleaned up nicely as well. The Disney crew (Vanessa Hudgens, Demi Lovato and Miley Cyrus) all wore dresses that weren't so PG rated at the People's Choice Awards. Demi Lovato and Miley Cyrus both wore plunging necklines and Vanessa Hudgens wore a black and gold spider-web inspired gown that showed off her toned back. Lea Michelle and Emma Stone unfortunately did not do the red carpet justice. The first looked awkward in a white flapper inspired dress and the later desperately tried to rock a green and black pantsuit. However, while Lea Michelle remained a hot mess at the Golden Globes, Emma Stone learned her lesson. At the Golden Globes, Stone got on the plunging neckline train, wearing a deep plum Lanvin tulle gown with raspberry side panels.

Back at the People's Choice Awards, *Twilight* star Ashley Greene and up-and-coming actress Jennifer Lawrence were also failed attempts. Their odd-patterned and somewhat unoriginal dresses were fashion fails. However, the breakout star Nina Dobrev from *The Vampire Diaries* looked absolutely dashing in her green dress and white pumps. Similarly, Kristen Bell looked red hot and Whitney Cummings looked emerald green. Together they would have made a perfect Christmas tree. Finally, Julianne Hough, normally receives attention for her rocking moves and relationship with Ryan Seacrest, took center stage in her dazzling, skintight, metallic silver number.

Liam Hemsworth, Miley Cyrus' hot beau, looked effortlessly cool in a suit and opened-necked shirt. Gene Simmons wore a long silk red tie. Partners Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka looked liked the perfect couple. Patrick wore a tan number with a stripped tie, while Burtka rocked the "opened neck" look. *Twilight* star Robert Pattinson looked absolutely dreadful at the show. He couldn't even put on a dress shirt? Finally, Kristen Bell's boyfriend, Ian Somerhalder, from *The Vampire Diaries,* looked somewhat cheesy in his grey suit with a black opened neck shirt. The best suit-wearer by far, and winner of the best talk show host, was Ellen DeGeneres.

For the females, between both shows, Jessica Biel wins best dressed in a long-sleeved lace. Elie Saab gown with Platinum jewels. For the males, the best dressed was a tie between Rob Lowe's gorgeous appearance at the Golden Globes and Liam Hemsworth's look at the People's Choice Awards. Watch fashion unfold on January 29 at the SAG Awards on TNT and CBS! What will George Clooney be wearing?

Prisoners of a World Untouched

By Luis Garcia
Life Writer

Under the sound of the eruptions
We walk this road to self-destruction
Lost on a path looking for a place out of the storm
Searching for a place that feels warm
March on the beating sounds of Liberty
Even though your feet are tired
Run, and escape this feeling of misery
March on
Every woman, child, and man
We'll figure this life out as one
As we walk this road under the boiling sun
And through the hatred they call teaching
Across the river of lies they call preaching
We'll gather the strength to rebuild a nation
One that was built with a mask of equality
But a face of discrimination
As we march people will join us
We'll stand up to the focus of power
And as we grow hour by hour
Our calls will be hard to ignore
Once they crack
We'll demand more
"And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow,
I still have a dream.
It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream."
I have a dream that one day humanity will prove me wrong
We'll find the time to work together
Putting black, white, gay, straight aside and get along
So we can built from a mistake called ignorance
And finally learn how to accept difference.
I have a dream that one day the free world
Will experience a feeling so liberating
All the surrounding darkest would start fading
And it would make all the struggles worthy,
And all the bruises just
A feeling that one day would set free prisoners
That have been caged for life times
Prisoners of color
Prisoners of sexuality
Prisoners of words unsaid
Would all spill on the streets and say
"Free at last, Free at last
Thank God almighty
We are free at last

Senior Class Connections Campaign

Final semester stress already?
Then come chill out!

SENIOR CHILL

Thursday, January 26
4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
The Red Door, Seegers Union
Remarks by President Helm and Chairman Rich Brueckner '71, P'04, P'10
at 5:00 p.m.

2012 Class Campaign Kickoff

Please remember to bring your ID.
Two drink tickets will be provided to those 21+.
Beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages and refreshments will be provided.

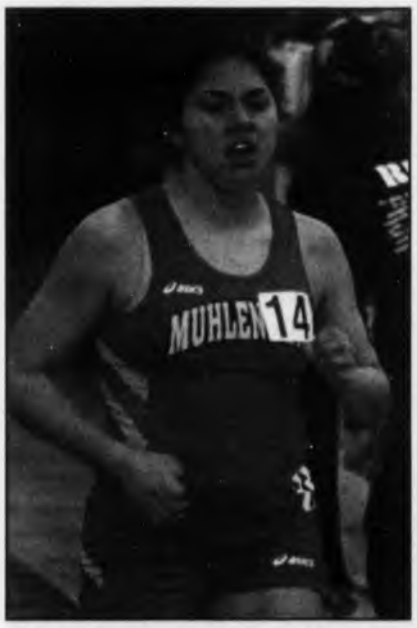
LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Women's Basketball
(14-2, 9-2 CC)
1/16 vs. Johns Hopkins L 67-76
1/18 vs. Ursinus W 72-55
1/21 @ Washington College W 60-57

Men's Basketball
(10-7, 4-6 CC)
1/18 vs. Ursinus L 61-63
1/21 @ Washington College L 78-86
1/23 @ DeSales L 73-79

Track teams score high at Lehigh

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics



Nicki Cronin on the track

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Three Mules – senior sprinter Peter Rice, sophomore pole vaulter Erin Saucier and the men's 4x400 relay team – topped the best performances in the Centennial Conference entering the weekend's competition.

Rice came in fifth in the 200 meters with a time of 23.09, not far off the school record of 22.40 he set on a banked track last year. The best time in the CC as of last weekend was 23.17.

Rice also ran on the 4x400 team, along with sophomores Andrew Onimus, Darnell Davis (right) and Jake Ullmann. The quartet's time of 3:29.08 was good for third place and ranks ninth on the Muhlenberg all-time performance list.

Additionally, Rice moved up to third on the performance list in the 60 meters with a time of 7.23. Junior Isaiah Vaughn now stands second at 7.22 (the record is 7.18). Vaughn missed qualifying for the six-person final by the narrowest of margins, running 7.216, just 0.003 seconds behind the last qualifier.

Saucier, the 2011 CC indoor champion, came in sixth in the pole vault with an indoor personal best of 10-11 3/4, which places her in a tie for 15th on the national performance list.

Other highlights included junior Samantha Mayden placing second in the 3,000, one spot ahead of sophomore Nicki Cronin (left), who moved into fourth all-time. Junior Erica Bash placed eighth in the 800, and sophomore Stephanie Carnevale finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles.

Team scores were kept at the meet, which was split almost evenly between Division I, II and III teams. The Mule women were eighth out of 12, and the men were ninth out of 13. The only Division III squad to finish ahead of Muhlenberg on both sides was Moravian, and for the women the margin was only three points.

Darnell Davis on the track

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Basketball
(10-7, 4-6 CC)
Sat. 1/28 @ Johns Hopkins 1:00
Wed. 2/1 vs. Swarthmore 8:00

Women's Basketball
(14-2, 9-2 CC)
Sat. 1/28 @ Johns Hopkins 3:00
Wed. 2/1 vs. Swarthmore 6:00

Wrestling
Sat. 1/28 @ Ursinus 12:00

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Women's basketball gets old-fashioned to beat Bears

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Kathleen Naddaff on the court

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

In the age of Twitter and Facebook, most college students are always looking for something new and fancy.

But in its game with Ursinus on Jan. 18, the Muhlenberg women's basketball team got a little old school.

The Mules used back-to-back old-fashioned three-point plays early in the second half to stall a Bear run. Muhlenberg would not relinquish the momentum and snapped its two-game skid with a 72-55 win.

After going back and forth for the first 10 minutes of the game, Muhlenberg outscored the Bears 17-3 during a seven-minute stretch late in the first half to take a 29-21 lead into halftime.

The Mules (13-2, 8-2) extended their lead to 12 early in the second half, but the Bears responded by scoring the next nine points to make it a one-possession game.

That's when junior Alita Zabrecky and senior Katy Rossino provided back-to-back big plays to regain control.

Zabrecky crashed the boards and drew a foul while putting back an offensive rebound to snap the Mule scoreless streak. Then Rossino stripped the Ursinus ball handler on the wing and converted a fast break layup while getting fouled.

"You can definitely feel the emotion when we get a three-point play," senior Kathleen Naddaff said. "We have a lot of great shooters on our team, but there's just something about getting fouled and still making the basket. It's like you're saying to the other team, 'Even if you foul us, you can't stop us.'"

Following a pair of Ursinus free throws, senior Kimberly Mui pulled down a key offensive rebound that eventually led to a layup for Naddaff.

The Bears (7-9, 6-5) hit a jumper before sophomore Erin Laney connected on a hook shot and Mui tapped a rebound to Naddaff for an easy layup for an 11-point lead.

Ursinus got it back to six on a three-pointer four possessions later, but senior Alexandra Chili responded with a three of her own, and the Mules did not let the Bears any closer than nine the rest of the way.

"We seemed a lot more calm and in control tonight," Naddaff said. "The last two games we were just kind of running around, but tonight we focused on running our offense and got some momentum going."

Muhlenberg shot 44 percent from the field after not breaking the 38-percent barrier in the two losses.

Zabrecky led the Mules with 17 points and tied Naddaff for the team high with six rebounds. Laney tied her career high with 10 points, and Chili also added 10 points, including a pair of 3-pointers.

The win put the Mules into a tie for first place in the Centennial Conference. But, more importantly, it gets them back on the winning track.

"You definitely never want to lose, but the last two games kind of forced us to refocus," Naddaff said. "We know we're a good team, but there are a lot of other good teams in the conference, so we have to bring our best every night. We did that tonight, and hopefully we can go on another winning streak."

Want to write for Sports?
Come join our team!

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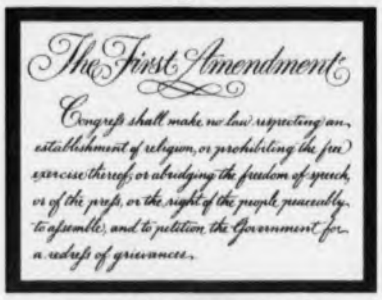

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Congreſs shall make no law respecting an
establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free
exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech,
or of the preſs, or the right of the people peaceably
to aſsemble, and to petition the Government for
a redreſs of grievances.

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Men's basketball makes a comeback

Remembering professor, friend, and colleague Charles Russell

By Jennifer Freed
News Editor

On Thurs., Jan. 26th, Charles Russell, the College's beloved Associate Professor of Chemistry passed away.

The following morning, news of Russell's unexpected passing, drifted from classroom to classroom, dorm to dorm. A diverse array of Muhlenberg College students, faculty, and staff solemnly ambled along the grassy campus, startled at such a tragedy, looking for comfort and condolence.

A 1978 graduate of Wesleyan University, Russell received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Colorado State in 1983. He taught two years at Kansas State University before arriving at Muhlenberg in 1988.

Russell was an enthusiastic piece of Muhlenberg's campus, both within and outside the classroom.

Many of his students identified him as, "the definition of an amazing professor." He was often described not only as brilliant in his field, but also possessing a gift for teaching students.

On Friday, whispers of his respect, dignity, kindness, and love resonated throughout campus. While Muhlenberg is known for its teachers and their constant approachability, Dr. Russell often offered extended office hours through Saturdays and Sundays as late as eleven or twelve at night.

Recently, Russell received several summer faculty research grants. His research interest was in organometallic chemistry. Other long-term interests included p-allyl palladium chemistry and the development of enanitoselective alkylation reactions.

Charles Russell was an inspiration to all, spending countless hours on research, aiding the Muhlenberg science community, and offering guidance to all who approached him. It is evident even through the immense amount of comments that arrived on the College's blog immediately following his death how much he truly defined the Muhlenberg spirit. Students, alumni, and faculty alike posted about their sadness regarding Professor Russell's passing and their condolences to his family.

Professor Charles Russell

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg.edu

Vice President of Public Relations Mike Bruckner wrote, "Charlie was a wonderful citizen of Muhlenberg College. He had a great love for teaching and had a wonderful impact on his students. My prayers and thoughts are with Winnie, and his friends and family."

Professor Thomas Cartelli of the English and Film Studies departments posted, "I deeply regret Charlie's passing but also regret not having got to know him better. Our acquaintance really dates back only 18 months when we began serving together on the curriculum task force. Judging solely on that experience, I found him to be a remarkably generous, considerate, and sweet-tempered individual, possibly the most thoughtful among us."

Other sentiments stated on the blog were similar, declaring that Professor Russell was a wonderful teacher, some students even saying that he kept them engaged in classes they would have otherwise found tedious.

Professors such as Russell are why students come to Muhlenberg and remain large contributors to the Muhlenberg community long after they sing the Alma Mater at graduation, and take their last steps through the red doors.

Although this event has startled campus, for those who knew Russel, I hope, but am most certain that his passion for chemistry, learning, and especially teaching will carry on. It is clear from the flood of comments on the blog and words being spread around campus that neither he nor his legacy will be forgotten by the College community.

There was an informal memorial on Fri., Jan. 27 in Trumbower 130. Speakers included the interim Chaplain, President Helm, and Chemistry Chair Dr. Bruce Anderson. We at the *Weekly* give our deepest condolences and thoughts to Professor Russell's family in this tough time.

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The fun of exercising

A very popular New Year's resolution is to exercise more and/or go on a diet. This usually means that the gym, here at the College The Life Sports Center, is very crowded for about the first few weeks of classes and then almost like a magic trick it seems like the students disappear.

Of course, the students do not actually disappear, but rather they become consumed with their homework, studying, and extra- currirculars and no longer have time to go to the gym. As students, we of course realize the stress of balancing activities and school work, but we need to realize that exercise is just as important as all the other activities that consume our daily lives. Luckily for us here at the College we have an awesome Zumba program. Don't know what Zumba is? Keep reading and find out!

According to http://www.livestrong.com/article/39587-zumba-exercise/, "Alberto Perez, a former aerobics instructor from Colombia, founded the Zumba empire in 1999. Zumba began with a series of infomercials peddling the workout on DVDs and grew to include classes taught by instructors who attend Zumba trainings. As of 2008, Zumba instructors number more than 20,000 in 40 countries." Further, "Zumba classes usually run for one hour and cover a range of dance styles--mambo, cumbia, merengue, cha-cha and, sometimes, belly dancing and hip hop. Zumba training teaches instructors specific guidelines, but gives them flexibility to design classes in their own style."

At the College Kelly Powell directs Zumba classes Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:10-12:40 and Sunday nights from 7-8, which are available for students and faculty free of charge. The schedule is available on the College website.

Zumba is a great way for students and faculty to keep up their New Year's resolution and having fun at the same time!

True Life: Faux Club Kid

By Josh Clement
Op/Ed Writer

I'm going to say something right off the bat. I'm not a club kid, a rave person, or a hippy aficionado. I am speaking as an outsider, a fly on the furry wall. I spent my last weekend in New York City with my girlfriend (I know all of my faithful readers are so disappointed that I am not single; yes, I am talking to you, GQ worker. I've seen you looking my way.). We went to a legit NYC nightclub called Pacha to see an artist named Sander Van Doorn. I've been told that the more Dutch-sounding the name is, the more street "cred" the artist has. It was, to speak in the vaguest of terms, an interesting experience.

It's important to note that I went to this club sober, and when I say sober, I mean actually sober. The difference between me and everyone else there was similar to that between a Catholic nun and a born-again virgin: everybody else was having a different experience than I was, and was way sweatier. I'm not much of a concert person, or a people person for that matter, so the extremely crowded club was just delightful for me. I was starting to doubt my outfit, dark jeans and a normal button down with two buttons undone. Everyone was wearing exactly the same thing, and it freaked me out. They were all surrounding me and closing in. I'm assuming everyone had the same concern about fire hazards as I.

There were really only a few types of people there: there were your standard college white people, Asians with spiked-up hair, and Indians with faux-hawks. I also learned that if one were to go somewhere and make fun of gay people, NYC would not be a good choice. I don't know; maybe there are people who are into that kind of stuff, but I would advise not choosing the club scene. Every homosexual guy there was big enough to beat up Kimbo Slice. My girlfriend and I were in a gay mosh pit for a bit of the time, which was like a normal mosh pit, just more polite.

I could tell that I wasn't the normal participant at these events, as I somehow didn't think it was a good idea to wear sunglasses at 2 a.m. It could have been that, or maybe it was the fact that I was too busy making sure that I wasn't crushed by overly sweaty people to be entranced by the music the entire time. My favorite people at the club were the ones who looked like they might just turn around and puke all over you if you gave them enough space to breathe. Such nice people. However, none of them will top a girl behind me who had trouble standing by herself. For some unknown reason, she decided the best course of action to stabilize herself while dancing was to grab onto my shirt from behind. She didn't quite get the message that I wasn't happy about our little re-

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Everything is not fine. Do not trust your government.

"The Internet is the Wild West, and Anonymous will fight against any attempt to tame it." -Phoenix

By Lily Jasper
Op/Ed Writer

Imagine a world where your freedom of speech was limited. Doesn't sound like fun, does it? Well, that is the path that the United States is headed down. On Oct. 26, 2011, Lamar Smith (R-TX) introduced Bill HR 3261 - also referred to as SOPA (Stop Online Piracy Act) or PIPA (Protect Internet Property Act) - to the US House of Representatives. The purpose of SOPA/PIPA is to expand the government's ability to prevent online copyright infringement. The bill also states that people who are not authorized to stream copyrighted material, but who do so anyway, may face a maximum of five years in prison. If Congress decides to pass SOPA/PIPA, it will provide the United States Attorney General with the authority to shut down any website that may have infringed on copyrights such as YouTube. Unfortunately, because the Internet is so immense, no one knows where to draw the line.

Part of the problem with SOPA is that copyright infringement isn't just a national problem: it's a global one. The United States is trying to manage and apply our laws to the rest of the world. The Internet is used worldwide, hence the "WWW" standing for World Wide Web. People from all over the world use the Internet for all kinds of reasons; thus, the bill doesn't just affect the American people. The bill is giving the government the power to censor the Internet to protect any material that may be at risk of copyright infringement. The United States needs to understand that piracy isn't limited to the US, and that they can't try to impose any kind of control over the Internet without causing a global problem. It is going to affect the entire world, because other countries outside of the US use websites such as YouTube and Facebook. It is like the government is taking away our First Amendment right. If we lived in a culture where our speech was already limited to this degree, this situation may not have been so huge, but this country was founded on the principle that freedom of speech is a civil liberty.

This has been an ongoing problem for a while. Another issue brought up is that the elimination of our First Amendment rights is unconstitutional. In the Bill of Rights, freedom of speech was granted to us. It is our First Amendment right to exercise free speech, and a lot of people believe that the government is stepping on this right - that people do have the right the express themselves through the media. However, a counterargument is that producers also have the right to intellectually express their speech through various forms of art. By having others reproduce their work illegally, the creators believe that they're being violated. Another argument is that the people are getting shows, movies, music, and games for free through the Internet, which causes the writers to lose billions of dollars. If people are concerned with the pricing of material, then the artists/producers should lower the price of their material. A good example is iTunes. A couple of years ago, it was only ninety-nine cents to download a song. Now, more recently, the price rose to $1.29 for a single song. Due to the fact that the producers raised the price, the buyers were unsatisfied and got a hold of songs by other means. However, consumers need to understand that no matter the price of artistic material, they should never take another person's intellectual property for free.

SOPA/PIPA has been receiving a lot of mainly negative attention, ever since it was introduced by Congress. On Jan. 18, the outcry was at its finest. Jan. 18 was the high point of opposition to the bill. Wikipedia and other sites, such as Google and Wired, participated in an Internet blackout. For Wired, a lot of material on the site was blacked out in black highlights; for Google, the logo was blacked out; for Wikipedia, the whole site was down. If SOPA/PIPA does pass, the blackouts won't exist because of protests, but because the Attorney General will have the power to shut down sites nationwide, preventing anyone in the US from viewing them. The situation is similar to that in China, where some websites are forbidden to be shown.

It's understandable that the government wants to prevent copyright infringement, but the way that they are going about it is arguably unconstitutional. The government is stepping on our First Amendment right, freedom of speech. If SOPA/PIPA passes in Congress, it will open up many doors for the government to censor what people post on the Internet. Even though the bill deals with piracy, it still involves censorship and, once passed, who knows what will happen with censorship? Where will the line be drawn? If HR 3261 passes, the government may move to censor books, the FCC may come

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A Diary of Cynicism

BY EVAN KASAKOVE
OP/ED WRITER

The doctor said to his ten-year-old patient, "You see, Stan, as you get older, things that you used to like start looking and sounding like shit. And things that seemed shitty as a child don't seem as shitty. With you, somehow, the wires have gotten crossed and everything looks and sounds like shit to you. It's a condition called being a cynical asshole."

Yes, the doctor and the ten-year-old patient, Stan, are fictional characters on an animated television series called *South Park*, but the episode "You're Getting Older" veers a bit left from the traditional episode and lands on more sentimental grounds. Stan Marsh turns ten and quickly discovers that he now finds the music and the foods that he used to like to be "shitty". The episode ends with Stan's friends no longer wanting to hang out with him because his cynicism becomes profound and pestering, and his parents getting divorced.

Stan's dad finally blurts out, "Because I'm unhappy, okay?! I've been unhappy for a long time!". Stan's mom softly replies, "I'm unhappy, too. We both are, obviously. How much longer can we keep doing this? It's like, the same shit just happens over and over, and then in a week it just all resets until it happens again. Every week ,it's kind of the same story in a different way it, it just keeps getting more and more ridiculous."

This episode clearly and satirically paints a picture of cynicism. *South Park* typically uses four fourth-grade boys to highlight the hypocrisy of adults and society. In this episode, they contrast ten-year-old Stan with his three friends, who enjoy listening to the new popular forms of music (which they satirize as "tween wave") playing video games, and just being kids. Now Stan, whom the doctor calls a "cynical asshole," gains no pleasure from these things and can *see* why they are bad. I italicize the word "see" because it represents not a reality, but a perception. This cynicism goes hand-in-hand with his parents' divorce, which is portrayed without humor, but with cold realism.

The pessimism that Stan and his parents show seems to be typical of people. When Stan's best friend Kyle explains to him that he has changed, Stan coarsely replies, "No, I haven't changed; the world has". I believe this quote perfectly sums up the psychology of the episode because cynicism is not about the world being awful or turning your life into something horrible; it's about your perspective and the way you choose to view things.

For a long time I was nearly as cynical as Stan, not about music or things like that, but about people. When I encountered difficult situations and even more difficult people, I began to view people in a negative light. Did I realize this at the time? No, but when I look back on the decisions I made, I realize that I let the cruelness of others and the emotionally painful situations I encountered change my perception of the nature of people; I didn't think highly of any of them.

When you believe people are generally bad, you also tend to view the people you interact with and have relationships with in a negative light. Objectively, are they good or bad people? The question is irrelevant because your preset beliefs determine your perception. And for you, perception is reality.

Things can still be difficult and people can be cruel at times, but choosing to believe that people are fundamentally bad and being cynical doesn't make it true and doesn't make it right. I have learned that although you are sometimes dealt a bad hand, what you do with that hand is what really matters. In other words, people are what you make of them.

And cynicism is a rationalization … not a reality.

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lationship, as I had to keep removing her hand. Thankfully everything was resolved when she collapsed on the floor and a bouncer had to remove her; I know that made my night.

As crazy as the night was, I have to say that I had a good time. There is something about being in a crowded room full of people that brings out the best in everyone. I just imagine the innumerable joys that I would have had, had I chosen to experience the night like everyone else. To be entranced by simplistic sounds and transfixed by bright lights. It would have been like seeing the world as a child again, feeling the wonder of all that is new. It also would have been like seeing the world in the eyes of a cat, a really dumb cat. Maybe club kids just secretly want to be cats. Who knows? All I know is that I'm going to another club in Baltimore in two weeks!

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down harder and sooner or later, our First Amendment right will slowly vanish and our rights will be gone.

Unfortunately, there are other demons out there besides SOPA/PIPA. ACTA is the new kid on the block. The acronym stands for Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement. Unlike SOPA/PIPA, ACTA is a *worldwide* agreement. ACTA is defined as "an international trade agreement negotiated by the European Union, the United States, Japan, Canada, South Korea, Australia, Mexico, Morocco, Singapore as well as a few other countries, whose aim is to enforce copyright and tackle counterfeited goods. The main problem with ACTA is that it was hidden from the public. These negotiations were discussed in 2007 but finalized in 2010. ACTA is a much greater threat to us than SOPA/PIPA.

ACTA has been hidden for a while but is not getting much attention thanks to SOPA/PIPA. It's great that a lot of people are against SOPA/PIPA, but ACTA is a much more dangerous threat, not just to the United States but to the entire world. ACTA involves Europe, Asia, Canada, United States, and more. Sadly, in October 2011, the United States, Australia, Canada, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Singapore, and South Korea agreed to and signed the treaty. Luckily, five countries didn't sign: Germany, the Netherlands, Estonia, Cyprus, and Slovakia. Some believe that ACTA will eventually censor the Internet more severely than either SOPA or PIPA ever intended to, probably because the Act is a worldwide agreement. A lot of Congressmen are arguing that Obama had no right to sign ACTA, due to the fact that the power to approve treaties goes to Congress, but Obama fought back, saying that it was an "executive agreement"; thus, the approval of Congress wasn't necessary. But even if it was an executive agreement, it still is considered unconstitutional because the president has no constitutional authority over policies regarding communications or intellectual property.

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The Internet is a lovely thing to have. There's nothing better than having the right to express ourselves through Facebook, YouTube, Tumblr, Twitter and so on. Imagine a world in which those websites are gone. This world will soon exist if awareness about the dangers of ACTA, PIPA, and SOPA isn't spread. The government and other sources do not have the power to violate our First Amendment rights, but if we sit back and do nothing, they eventually will.

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Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 23 – Found Property – In Moyer, there was a report of a found laptop. The owner later claimed the item.

Jan. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 319 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Jan. 23 – Suspicious Person – In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a suspicious person. The individual was located and identified. A Letter of No Trespass was issued. There was no further incident.

Jan. 23 – Injured Employee – At 321 N. 22nd St., there was a report of an injured employee. The employee's supervisor and Human Resources were notified.

Jan. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 318 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Jan. 24 – Lost Property – In Robertson Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a lost ID card, room key, driver's license, credit card, and cash.

Jan. 24 – Institutional Vandalism – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of graffiti. Plant Operations was notified to clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 24 – Unlawful Entry (No Force) – At 2267 Turner St. (building #4, second floor), there was a report of theft of a watch. The investigation will continue.

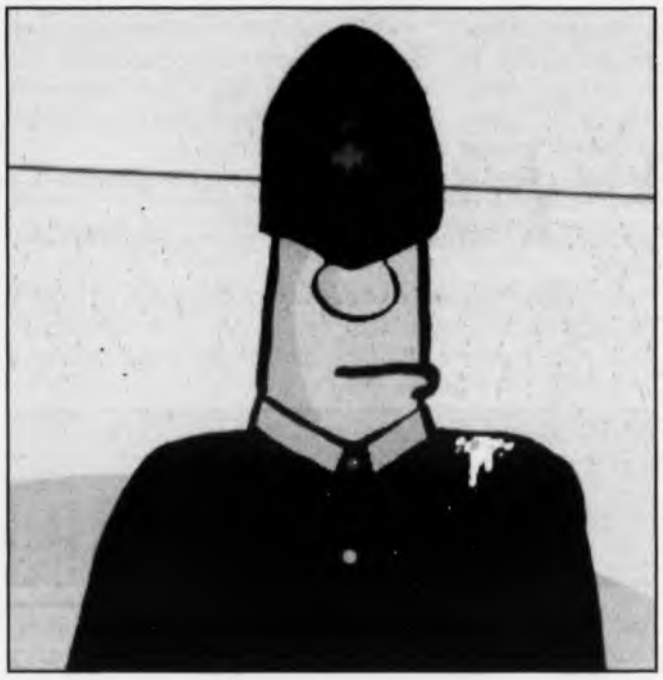
Jan. 24 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts parking lot, there was a report of a found set of keys. The individual was notified to pick up the keys at Plant Operations.

Jan. 24 – Disturbance – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a disturbance between two individuals. The individuals were spoken to and identified. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported one person to the hospital.

Jan. 25 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the Health Center.

Jan. 25 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of several found items including a notebook, umbrella, power cord, stocking, flash drives, and gloves. It is unknown to whom the items belong or when the items were found. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 25 – Lost Property – Off campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The individual was issued a new sticker.



Jan. 25 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The student was issued a new sticker.

Jan. 25 – Larceny/Theft – In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of theft of a jacket. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 25 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The student was issued a new sticker.

Jan. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2263 Turner St. (building #2, second floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Jan. 26 – Personnel Complaint – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a personnel complaint. An individual was escorted out of the building and off campus. There was no further incident.

Jan. 26 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of a found Kindle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 26 – Larceny/Theft – In the Trexler Pavilion, lobby, there was a report of a lost iPod.

Jan. 26 – Larceny/Theft – In the Trexler Pavilion, lobby, there was a report of a lost necklace and rings.

Jan. 27 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of vandalism. An individual drew on the wall. There are no suspects at this time. Housekeeping was notified to clean the area.

Jan. 27 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several empty and full cans were found. A Campus Safety officer discarded the items. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 28 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found retainer. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 29 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. The residents were issued a Disruptive Conduct Report.

Jan. 29 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. A student was cited for Underage Consumption and Public Drunkenness.

Jan. 29 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On Allen St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Upon arrival the area was cleared. There was no further incident.

Jan. 29 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Seegers Union, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported a student to the hospital.

Jan. 29 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Empty cans and liquor bottles were found. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the items. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 29 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – Off campus, there was a report of an alcohol violation. South Whitehall Police Department cited a student for Underage Drinking and Allentown Police Department cited the student for Public Drunkenness.

Jan. 29 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick visitor. Upon the arrival of Campus Safety officers, the individual refused further medical treatment or transport. There was no further incident.

Jan. 29 – Larceny/Theft – On the front drive, there was a report of theft of three Muhlenberg College banner flags. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to replace the flags.

Jan. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 323 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Jan. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 414 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

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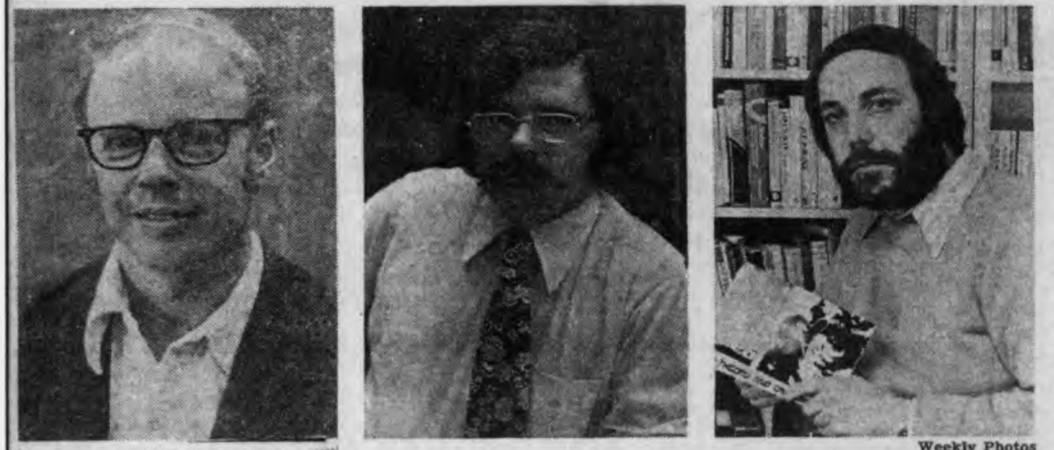

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(l. to r.) Drs. Robert Wind, Ass't. Prof. of Classics and Depar ment Head, Silas White, Ass't. Prof. of Psychology, and Joel Seigle, Ass't. Prof. of History.

Board confers tenure on Wind and White; Dr. Seigle is refused

by Lavren Gordon

Recently, the volatile issue of tennue has exploded onto the Muhlenberg campus. Many bitter debates have followed.

Tenure on the Muhlenberg campus follows standards established by the American Association of University Professors; a professor must serve seven years as a full-time professor at a college or university. During the sixth year, the professor is closely evaluated by a committee made up of administrators and professors. At this time tenure is given or not given. If tenure is not given a professor has only a year remaining under the employment of the college after which he must leave. Tenure positions are currently being reviewed but are no longer offered as the **Wall Street Journal** stated on Tuesday, January 24, 1978. It stated that "Muhlenberg offers only non-tenure jobs." Dr. Stenger, dean of the college, says this is "virtually true." In 1974, Muhlenberg passed a law which limited tenure in each academic department. When a department has more than two-thirds of its faculty members tenured, no tenure positions will be offered. Currently, all departments have the specified two thrids quota, closing all tenure positions at Muhlenberg.

This law affects only those who have been employed since 1974. Tenure positions are still being given to those professor employed before the law went into effect. Three professors, Drs. Wind, White, and Seigle; were recently considered for tenure. White and Wind received tenure. Siegle did not.

Dr. White, assistant professor of psychology, feels tenure "may not be the best of all possible worlds but it is better than most other popular alternatives." The present tenure policy is "honest," he states, and Muhlenberg will inform you if tenure is available so you are not led to make long-term plans."

Dr. White explains that obtaining the necessary teaching credentials are lengthy and it is quite "unthinkable not to receive tenure." No guarantees are made; one is never sure whether he will receive tenure or not. "During the course of one's non-tenure service to the college," says Dr. White "There are no indications given of what one's prospects are for tenure." He feels some indication should be given, for one suffers through a period of "great anxiety before the decision is made."

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Board examines admissions problem; applications fewer than past years

by Bill England

The Board of Trustees met for the second time this academic year on December 9.

A good portion of the meeting was centered on Muhlenberg's continuing admissions problem.

According to the latest figures, high school applications continued their downward trend of recent years. As of December 2, Muhlenberg had received 317 applications. On this same date last year, there were 380 applications, and in '75, there were 442 applications.

Dr. Morey stated that the administration was aware of the seriousness of the problem and that they were taking steps to improve the situation.

A recent study revealed that although applications were declining, the number of interviews given by the admissions staff had remained at a constant level. In light of these findings, Dr. Morey felt that perhaps Muhlenberg had a problem in how it presented itself to prospective students. There was a feeling on part of the admission staff that Student Guides were unknowingly depicting Muhlenberg in a negative manner. For example, instead of emphasizing the positive points of a particular major, such as its fine faculty or excellent reputation, the Student Guide would overemphasize the major's difficulty. To rectify the situation, the Admissions Department was working closely with Cardinal Key — the Student Guide organization — in the attempt to provide more counselling for student guides.

In the attempt, to personalize relationships with prospective students, George Gibbs, Director of Admissions, suggested that his staff accept more invitations to visit high schools. In addition, the college is planning to expand its College night program. For a College night, Muhlenberg rents a banquet hall in certain key recruiting areas and invites accepted students and their parents to a question and answer session with the administration, student, and faculty representatives.

A question was raised as to whether Muhlenberg Office of Admissions was being outspent in relation to other schools? Dr. Morey said that he didn't think so. In fact, he felt that Muhlenberg had a very large staff for a school of its size. According to the President, the Admission's Office has 5 full time people and this is only one less than Bucknell's Office which handles 3,000 more applications.

Treasurer Claire Fetterhoff followed Dr. Morey with more disheartening news. Because of the admissions problem and other problems, the Treasurer felt that it would be difficult to balance the budget for this year. The problem according to Mr. Fetterhoff is where to cut the budget.

On top of this news, Mr, Fetterhoff reported that the budget for the following year was being developed and that it would entail

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Marino replaces Whispell

by Dan Hershman

President John H. Morey has removed Raymond Whispell as Chairman of the Department of Physical Education effective September 1, 1978 and replaced him with Frank Marino, currently a member of the department. Whispell is to stay on as Director of Athletics. Morey has described Marino as "talented and interested in the welfare of the institution and its young people."

Morey's announcement, made last Friday after the news was leaked to the **Evening Chronicl**, culminated more than a year of grievances and hearings between Whispell, the President, Committees and the Board.

In October, 1976, Whispell stated what later became formalized 19 greivances to the Faculty Personel Committee. Later the issue was considered by a special 3-member Grievance Procedures Committee, and then by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, which held two meetings with Whispell and Morey. Finally, a special Board Committee of 3 interviewed the two disputees, 3 members of the Physical Education Department, and Dean Harold Stenger and apparently recommended to the President that he seek a new head for the Department and retain Whispell as Director of Athletics.

Whispell was informed of President Morey's decision on January 25, 1978 and the department was notified on Friday afternoon. The senior members of the department were apparently not aware until then that Coach Marino had been selected, or even considered for the position. It was the President's decision to name Marino and not

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England reviews Council's achievements; President is optimistic about possibilities

by Victor Mintz

Student Council President, Bill England, views this semester as an opportunity for council to continue its achievements of the past semester. His optimism is based on council's success in dealing with several important issues during the first half of the academic year.

Student Council was instrumental in working with the college administration to achieve a greater degree of flexibility in the guidelines for fulfillment of Muhlenberg's gym requirement. As a result of Council's work five places were reserved in each P.E. class for juniors and seniors. This will insure that all juniors and seniors will be able to meet the Phy. Ed. requirement which would have been difficult to do under the previous guidelines.

Other council accomplishments include the extension of last semester's drop/add period from from one to one and a half weeks and the passage of council's by-laws. Student Council also established a Budget Review Committee which will periodically review how clubs and committees are spending their money.

England attaches great importance to Student Council's success in getting the Board of Trustees to issue an annual "State of the College" report which will be a published review of the previous year at Muhlenberg. It will include reports from the College President and Treasurer.

England does foresee a number of topics requiring action by Council this semester. Included are issues such as the extension of library hours and the institution of a system enabling students to evaluate courses and faculty members. The latter is being worked on by a committee under the guidance of A.P.C.

England would also like to see greater student repreesntation on the Board of Trustees. At the present time students are represented only on the Board's Committee on Student Life. England hopes for representation on other committees, particularly the long range planning committee.

In addition England would like to see the establishment of a committee of majors. This would give students majoring in a department a chance for improved com-

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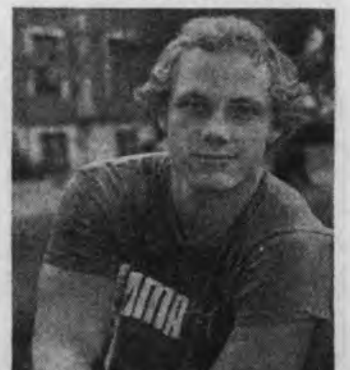

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Bill England, Student Council President.

WEEKLY Life!

"All life is an experiment, the more experiments you make the better."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

An Overview of *The Mountaintop*

By Torie Paone
Executive Editor

With Black History Month quickly approaching, I feel it is appropriate to reflect upon the individuals who helped to change American society as we know it. In particular, I want to focus on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. By providing an overview of the play, *The Mountaintop*, I invite you to commemorate the profound impact his life had on the world.

Over Winter Break, my family and I ventured into New York City to see The Mountaintop. A work of fiction, this play depicted the character of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the night before his death, Apr. 3, 1968.

Minutes before the show started at 8 p.m. I sat in my chair at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre wondering how the play would unfold. The only thing I could expect from this play was a superb performance from the talented Samuel L. Jackson, who portrays Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and from Golden Globe winner Angela Bassett, who portrays the mysterious woman who visits Dr. King. in his room at the Lorraine Motel the night before his death.

When Samuel L. Jackson first enters the stage as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he has a weary look on his face and is plagued with a terrible cough. The audience soon realizes that Dr. King is exhausted from all of the speeches he has been delivering across various cities- most recently being his famous "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech at Mason Temple in Memphis, TN given earlier that day. Dr. King deliberates in his room about how the march in Memphis will turn out until he decides to ask room service for a pot of coffee in order to calm his nerves.

When the mysterious woman, played by Bassett, enters the stage, she brings a lot more to the scene then a pot of coffee. She brings laughter and excitement not only to Dr. King, but to the audience as well. Angela Bassett portrays an outspoken and extremely feisty maid at the motel. As she pours coffee for the civil rights activist, she offers him cigarettes and her opinions of him, both good and bad.This proves that this play is not solely focused on praising Dr. King for his accomplishments, but it also focuses on Dr. King as a human being who had vices just as everybody else does. It is important to remember that Dr. King was only human because this shows the world that he made a difference not because he was perfect, but because he used his gift- one which we are all given-to make a difference in the world. He stands out because the difference he made did more than cause a ripple in a pond: it shook the nation and led our country to where it is today.

As the maid continues dialogue with Dr. King, he and the audience both realize that this maid is more than just a simple admirer who reads the paper and attends rallies. She knows information about him that some of his closest friends may not know: his true name. After she utters the name "Michael," Dr. King gets defensive. He questions whether she is a spy for the newspaper, trying to catch him performing adulterous acts, not realizing that she would soon become the most important person in his life.

After an incident of *force majeure* occurs, Dr. King can see that the maid is really an angel sent down from Heaven. She becomes the bearer of bad news and good news. The bad news is that Dr. King is going to die the next day, Apr. 4, 1968, and that no amount of calls put in to God is going to change that. The good news is that his will not be in vain.

While it is clear that we have not yet reached the "promised land" that Dr. King speaks of in his "Mountaintop" speech, no one can deny that our country has made great strides since 1968. Today, President Barack Obama lives with his family in the White House. In 1968, this would have been difficult, if not impossible to imagine. The divide between black and white people decreases everyday and although there is still much to be done, one can have hope for a better future.

Alumni Spotlight:
Janna Burke

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

1) When did you graduate? What were your majors/ minors?

I graduated from Muhlenberg in 2006 with a double major in English and Music.

2) What is your job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.

I facilitate the Patron program at the Metropolitan Opera House, which is the membership program offering levels of benefits to members who make gifts at a minimum of $2,500 and a maximum of $24,999.

3) What is your commute like?

I take the subway. My commute lasts about 35 minutes.

3) What has the transition been like from being a student to working full time been like?

I went to grad school after Muhlenberg and took a part-time job at the Met before being promoted to this full time job, so my transition has been gradual and smooth.

5) Do you plan on going back to school to get an advance degree? If yes, in what?

I already have my masters in music, so it is unlikely that I will go back to school again.

6) What are some tips you would give to students looking for jobs?

It is all about who you know. In my experience, just sending a resume into a company when you have no inside connection is the least likely way to get a job.

I would work your connections and talk to your parents and professors about who they might know in your field of interest that could assist you in getting a job, or at least point you in the right direction. A foot in the door always leads to the best opportunities.

7) What do you miss most about being on campus?

I miss the closeness of friends. I live in Manhattan, so fortunately several Muhlenberg friends live nearby, but it is not the same as having many friends living in the same campus building, or just a few yards away.

8) Is there something you appreciate about Muhlenberg now that you are no longer a student?

Muhlenberg was a fantastic school for me and really set me up for success. I am very glad that I received a liberal arts education and did not attend a conservatory or a more singly focused program.

9) Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?

I would tell them to set up an internship or job for every summer during college. The job market is a tough one right now, and those who already have a great resume will have a head start. Also, they should of course work hard to get the best grades they can, and be careful of what they put on Facebook. Employers are watching..

10) How do you stay connected to Muhlenberg?

I attend alumni events and stay in touch with friends and professors from the school.

The Transforming New Sound Of Ingrid Michaelson

By Alexandra Lizzi
Life Writer

Last Tues., Ingrid Michaelson released her long-awaited new album, *Human Again*, and the sound is quite surprising. Some listeners may say the surprise is a negative one and was too distant from what fans have always loved about her-her cheery, soft, indie, ukulele-driven ditties.

Michaelson's new CD.
Photo Courtesy of Alexandra Lizzi

Although this album has a much more melancholy sound to it than her listeners may have expected, one must realize that as artists grow and become more comfortable with themselves as musicians and poets, more honesty and depth may be portrayed within their music. This seems to be the case for Ingrid Michaelson.

While listening to her single, *Ghost*, it is evident that she is struggling with new experiences and discovering different parts of herself that she had not faced before. Her struggle is shown strongly in the captivating chorus, "I'm a ghost/ haunting these halls/ climbing the walls that I never knew were there."

Choosing to share these emotions with fans was a brave leap for Ingrid Michaelson.The sound may be different, but in this case, I believe that different is good even if it takes some getting used to.

Personally, I am looking forward to seeing what she has in store for the future and how her newfound honest sorrow will grow. If you are looking to hear her new album for yourself, you can download the album on iTunes and receive two bonus tracks in addition. If you're a die hard fan like me, she will be playing a series of intimate pop-up shows in the next few weeks that can only be learned about via her Facebook and her Twitter a few days before each performance.

However, don't fret if you miss the pop-up shows; she will have an official tour beginning Apr. 9t and tickets are available now.

So, get them while they're hot!

The New Fashion Phenomena: Androgyny

By Natalie Weiss
Asst. Copy Editor

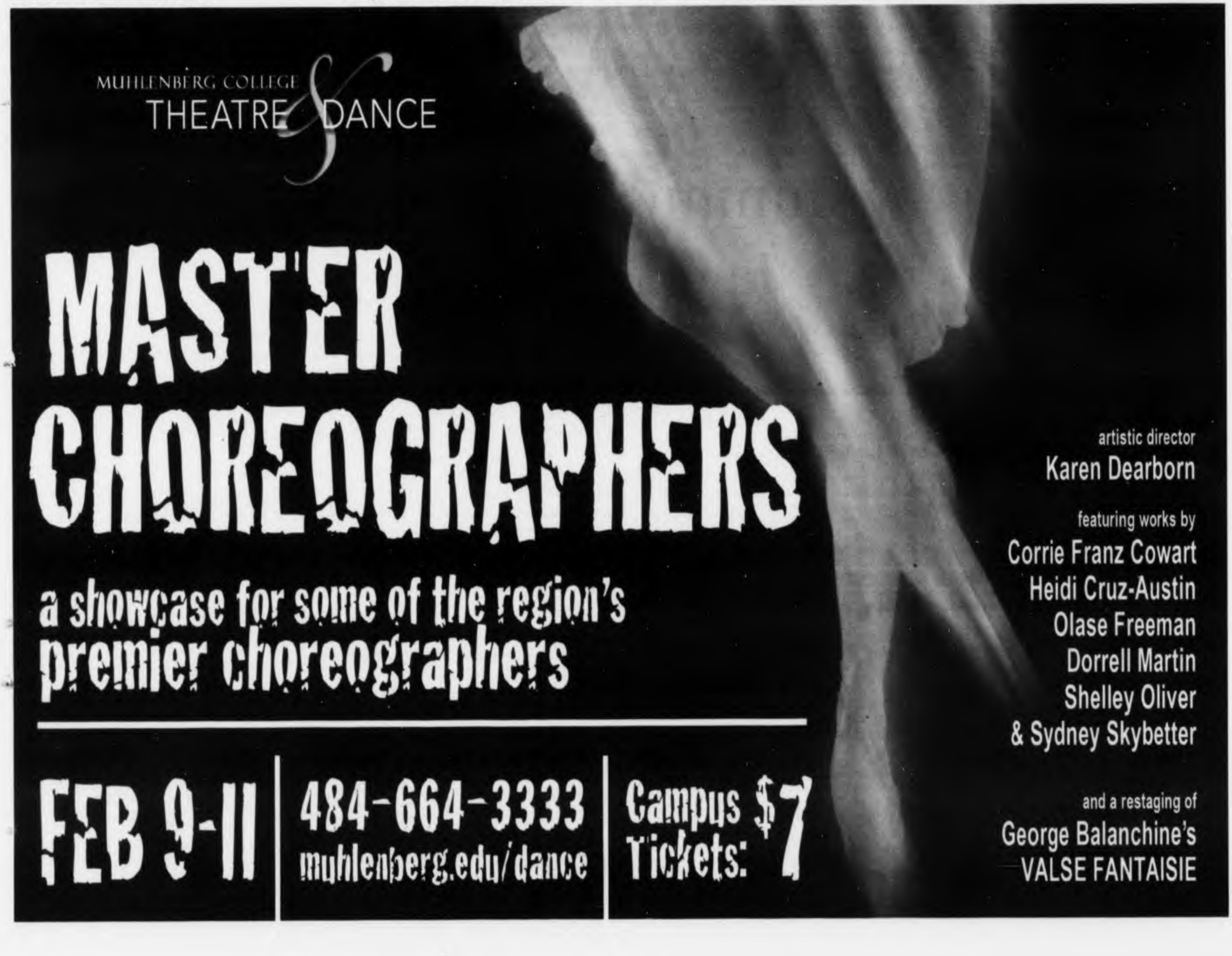
Dressing like men became mandatory during the 1940s war effort when women were carrying out men's jobs. Thus, their dress became much more masculine. A woman dressing in a man's clothes has always been thought of as sexy and chic, which is why it has continuously emerged on catwalks throughout history. Some can mistake androgyny for unisex, the latter of which is an uncomplimentary way of creating clothes for all. However, androgyny seeks to interlace the sexes, giving fashion the opportunity to be both male and female.

Female model rocking the androgynous look.
Photo courtesy of Natalie Weisss

Fast-forward to 2012 and you will find that history has repeated itself. For the men, garments are enhanced with feminine colors and lengths. The Suits correspond with cropped tailored shorts. Extra long tops above tailored trousers give a deception of a dress in a very masculine outfit the business suit.

For women, designers are assembling numbers with neutral colors and sharp lines. Trousers and deconstructed blazers are also quite popular. Touches of leather contrasted with silk create a refined masculine look. Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Sonia Rykiel, Stella McCartney, Balenciaga, Burberry, Christian Dior, Marc Jacobs, Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Mui Mui, Versace, Moschino, Valentino, and Oscar De la Renta have all designed androgynous pieces during the winter 2012 season.

Give it a try!



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Ask the Panda Girl:

The Weekly's advice column

The Panda Girl

Dear Panda Girl-

I'm turning 21 soon. My friends want us to throw a big party to celebrate me beingable to legally drink, but I'm not sure I want that. I don't want our place full of drunken idiots, I don't want to pay for all that alcohol, and I'm not in the mood to get crazy drunk anyway. How can I celebrate without going crazy, or offending my friends?

-Almost Legal

Dear Almost Legal-

Ah, that glorious day when one can legally purchase and consume alcohol, and squander ones money away gambling. It is a day most college students cannot wait to arrive. But when it finally does, it really isn't all it's cracked up to be. Most of us have experimented enough with college parties to know that being 21 and drinking to excess is more trouble than it's worth. There's no rule stated anywhere that your 21st birthday has to be a big blow out ending in a vomit pile of alcohol, potato chips, and pizza crust.

I say next time you and your friends are sitting around together, politely bring up your birthday, and feel out the plans and schemes they have. It is best to nip the extravagance in the bud now. Just smile and say, "For my birthday, I'd like..." and make it clear exactly what you want, or don't want, to do. It's your party, and you should have the final say. I suggest maybe a pregame drink or two with your friends, some cake, then go out to Stooges or the Tavern. After all, part of the fun of being 21 is finally being able to go into bars. Celebrating away from home means no mess for you to clean up. Also, only bring as much money as you want to drink.

Don't bring any more than for however many drinks you want to have. You can't drink too much if you can't afford it! Keep it simple, keep it safe, and happy birthday!

Best,
The Panda Girl

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Untitled Poem

By Alexandra Legregin
Life Writer

first the limb dropped
then the torso.
her eyes, so vast
and vulnerable
as she falls deep.
with an ample thud,
the bottom of the well is
impaled.
concentration
and I am searching for her
little feet.
if only to
salvage them,
with my eyes.
pink and
dainty,
upright-
they face me.
her flimsy legs.
this shallow
well.
the little virgin
dead.

A wishing well.

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Abroad:

A Worthwhile Experience

By Zach Schwartz
Life Writer

Studying abroad is one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life. Living in Spain, where the established language is not English, provided me with the opportunity to challenge myself everyday to understand and converse with others who speak an entirely different language.

Living in another country, where the culture, language, and people are rich with history, gives one a perspective that is hard to grasp while living in a country, which one knows well. Being abroad has truly changed my life for the better. If you are considering an abroad experience, I highly recommend that you choose to go. It will truly change your life, no matter where your abroad experience takes you.

Zach Schwartz enjoying his time in Spain with friends.

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Circle two, or something like it

A flash fiction

By Alexandra Legregin
Life Writer

The only thing I remember about that night was the friction. His room was a sauna, closed curtains grayed by smoke, and the scent of marijuana, heavy on the blue bedspread that could've belonged to an eight-year-old boy. But these were afterthoughts, because when I looked down, into the darkness, all I saw was the friction.

Sheets hot with blue lighting, and cackles between skin. His breath was heavy, as he moved into me. And then, it was a game, who could stay quiet the longest, and who could hold on the tightest, and who could feel the least. With eyes rolling into the depths of my skull I counted the beads of sweat that dripped from his forehead. *One. Two. Three. Four, five, six....* but then it didn't matter anymore.

Then it was just motion, and I'd lost gracefully, screaming, as my body convulsed. We lay there silent, and shaken, letting darkness define us, as Adam and Eve.

Adam and Eve.

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Finally getting back on track

By Eric Dolber
Sports Writer

Malique Killing taking a shot

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

After a couple of rough losses to Ursinus, Washington, and DeSales to start the 2012 Mules boys' basketball schedule, they bounced back with a much-needed victory against Haverford this past Wed.

The Mules started out streaking from the field by hitting their first 11 of 12 shots. In the first five minutes of the game, every single starter scored and dished an assist as the Mules opened up the game with a 14-point lead. With this victory the Mules were within a half game of fifth place and a game out of fourth place in the Centennial Conference race.

At the time of their huge lead they were shooting an excellent 91.7 percent from the field, but they entered the half by shooting a still impressive 69.6 percent. The halftime score was 45-37 Mules as Haverford was keep-pushing Muhlenberg even after their abysmal start. Haverford started the half on a 10-2 run to break even, but then Freshman Guard Gabe Mercer converted a much-needed three and layup to put the Mules back on top. Haverford answered, but then Mercer answered the call with another three and Senior Forward Spencer Liddic hit back-to-back layups to put the Mules up for good.

Liddic ended the game with 27 points as he moved into 13th in the all time Centennial Conference scoring list with 1,565 points. Mercer finished with 11 points along with Freshman Guard Malique Killing who finished with 18 points and five steals. Next up for the Mules was at Johns Hopkins this past Saturday.

Malique Killing was the Mules' guiding force in their 58-54 victory over the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays. With the victory the Mules (12-7 and 6-6 in conference play) moved into a tie for fourth place and only one game out of third. Sophomore Center Kevin Hargrove was named Muhlenberg's MVP of the game as part of Johns Hopkins' Wall-O'Mahony Alumni Basketball Weekend. Hargrove finished with 12 points and seven rebounds and his classmate Guard Austin Curry finished with eight. At 12:41 the Blue Jays cut the Mules lead to one, but then Muhlenberg responded with a 13-2 run of their own.

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Spencer Liddic converted on a three-point play and moved into third place and 12th place in Centennial Conference history with 1,574 point. Later on in the game, Killing stole the ball away from the Blue Jays and went coast to coast and drew the foul. With the free throw, he stretched the Mules lead to double digits. Junior Guard Matt O'Hara converted on a pair of free throws to make it a commanding lead for the Mules at 54-42 with 8:32 to play. He finished with seven rebounds and four assists. Killing led the way with 16 points.

The Mules are back at action this Wednesday at home versus Swarthmore.

No place like home for Track and Field teams

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Kirsten Kuchera runs along the track

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Senior Michael Baer of the Muhlenberg track and field team has become an expert at changing his shoes in a matter of seconds.

Instead of just focusing on a few events, Baer, a multi-event athlete, competes in a wide range of disciplines. From the pole vault and high jump to hurdles and sprints, Baer does a little bit of everything.

And he usually performs well in them all, which was once again the case at the Muhlenberg Invitational. Competing at home for the only time during the indoor season, Baer was one of 12 winners for the Mules.

It was another long day for Baer; he competed in four events. But he said they were spaced out enough that he didn't have to rush as much as he normally does.

"It actually wasn't too bad today, but sometimes it can get pretty hectic," Baer said. "Sometimes I'll have to be high jumping and doing the hurdles at the same time, so I'm changing back and forth from my spikes to my high jump sneakers.

"But being in so many events can help, because if you do really well in your first one, it can carry over to the rest."

He jumped a personal best 5-10¾ to finish second in the high jump and move into 10th place on the school's performance list. He also won the 55-meter hurdles, finished fifth in the 400 and came in eighth in the pole vault.

But he wasn't the only multi-event athlete to perform well in familiar settings. Senior Kyle Sullivan finished second in the 55-meter dash in a time of 6.73, good for sixth on the performance list.

On the women's side, Junior Tara Keegan won both the long jump and triple jump, in addition to finishing sixth in the 55-meter dash. Her winning triple jump distance of 34-1½ is third on the performance list, while her 15-10½ long jump is tied for eighth.

The Mules also got wins from sophomore Stephanie Carnevale (55-meter hurdles), and freshman Kirsten Kuchera (400) and Mariah Bower (high jump).

For the men, sophomore Isaiah Vaughn captured both the 55 and the 200. Senior Marc Brookland also doubled up, winning the long jump and triple jump.

Senior Peter Rice, competing in the 800 for the first time in his college career, rounded out the individual winners, finishing more than five seconds ahead of second.

Aside from rushing from event to event, Baer said the main downside to competing in so many events is that he doesn't too many opportunities to watch his teammates compete.

But he was able to take in the men's 4x400-meter relay, and the team of Darnell Davis, Andrew Onimus, Michael Wiener and Max Suitovsky gave him plenty to cheer about.

Davis tripped at the break line, falling from first to last. But he was able to make up enough ground by the time he handed off the baton that Onimus quickly made his way to the front. Wiener added to the lead during the third leg, and Suitovsky closed it out as the anchor to give the Mules the win.

Baer put his hands up in celebration when Suitovsky cross the line. It was a great way to finish the meet, he said. And while he admitted he was tired, he said he was thrilled to not have to try to curl up and sleep on a bus.

"You definitely feel it at the end of the day," Baer said of competing in so many events. "So it's really nice to be able to just walk across campus and go to bed. It's also nice to have some of our friends here to support us, which doesn't normally happen. It's always great when we get to compete at home."

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Women's basketball knocked off by Fords

COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

The Muhlenberg fans who came to watch the Mule women's basketball team play Haverford expected to see some history.

Alita Zabrecky on the court

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They got their wish, but it wasn't quite what they were hoping to see.

Thanks to their best shooting night of the season, the Fords (13-5, 8-5) beat Muhlenberg (14-3, 9-3) for just the second time ever, 58-55.

The loss snapped Muhlenberg's 38-game winning streak in the series, the longest against one opponent in school history. It also dropped the Mules 1.5 games behind Johns Hopkins, which won at third-place Franklin & Marshall, for first place in the Centennial Conference.

Haverford, which is ranked 17th in Division III scoring defense, held the Mules to their second-lowest shooting percentage and regulation point total this season. But it was Haverford's offense that pushed it over the top.

Shooting 47.9 percent from the floor (11.9 percent higher than their season average), the Fords grabbed a 29-25 lead at the break.

Muhlenberg responded out of the locker room by scoring the first eight points of the second half and grabbed a five-point lead at the 14:46 mark.

But Haverford, which had made one of its first seven 3-point attempts, hit three straight from beyond the arc to jump back in front, 43-41, with less than 10 minutes to play.

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The Mules tied the game at 47 on a layup by junior Alita Zabrecky and a free throw from sophomore Erin Laney, but Haverford got a layup and a three to grab the lead for good.

Muhlenberg had a chance to tie it when senior Katy Rossino grabbed an offensive rebound and called timeout under the basket with 0.3 seconds left. But the Fords got a hand on the ensuing inbounds pass to seal the win.

Zabrecky (right) and Laney led the Mules with 13 and 11 points respectively, and junior Kate Clawson added nine.

Senior Alexandra Chili scored seven points and pulled down a team-high seven rebounds. She is just four points away from the Muhlenberg all-time scoring mark for men or women of 1,788.

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Wood Dining Commons hosts Mardi Gras dinner in support of R.R.N.O.L.A

By Adam Neufeld
News writer

For the past four years, the College, in conjunction with Hillel and Student Government, has sent a group of students each year to volunteer in the 9th ward in the St. Bernard Parish in New Orleans during spring break. The trip, which is part of the newly-formed Restoring and Rebuilding New Orleans, Louisiana (R.R.N.O.L.A) organization, has been successful and praised among the College community. Still, those in charge would like to encourage even more students to apply for this community-service based alternative spring break.

This year, in order to do this, the Muhlenberg Dining team has lent their support to the cause. On Tues., Feb. 21st the Wood Dining Commons will host a Mardi Gras-themed party from 4:30 pm-8 pm. To encourage students to come out and partake in this special dinner, Muhlenberg Dining (with special thanks to Chef Brack) has worked hard to incorporate a Mardi Grasthemed menu for the event. Dishes will include: traditional King Cake, Café Du Monde-style beignets, and Creole Jambalaya, which will be served at the Chef's Table. Also, from 5-7 in the Dining Gallery, WMUH will provide live music for the event.

Since the dinner is also a way for Hillel and Student Government to fundraise for the trip, flex and dollar donations from students will be accepted at the door.

So come out and support R.R.N.O.L.A.!

A special thanks to WMUH; Glenn Gerchman, Director of Seegers Union & Campus Events; the entire Muhlenberg dining team; Aaron Bova, Senior Associate of Housing Services; Tom Dougherty, Assistant Chief of Campus Safety & Security; and Patti Mittleman, Jewish Chaplain.

There is still much work to be in done in New Orleans.

> *"The College, in conjunction with Hillel and Student Government has sent a group of students each year to volunteer... in the St. Bernard Parish in New Orleans during spring break ."*

The participants of last year's New Orleans trip, along with Aaron Bova, Tom Dougherty, President Randy Helm, Patti Mittleman, and Lauren Priggle '10!

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Single's Awareness Day

You may not have heard of this particular holiday because it is overshadowed by the more famous and better-known holiday with which it shares a date - Valentine's Day. So what exactly is Single's Awareness Day? It is the day during which single people celebrate the fact that they are single while those who are in relationships celebrate those relationships around them.

Over the last few years, Feb. 14th - the day traditionally reserved for celebrating romantic love - has slowly transformed into a day on which *all* types of love are celebrated. For example, this past Tuesday students carried baskets of Edible Arrangements sent to them by their parents around campus, and boys and girls alike could be heard on their cell phones talking to their grandparents, wishing them love.

This trend of celebrating the love between parents and children, grandparents and grandchildren, and between friends has recently become more of a focus on Valentine's Day, just as much as the love between lovers is. Valentine cards in Hallmark and dollar stores can be found representing all types of platonic love, as well as the traditional romantic love. Despite the fact that Single's Awareness Day is much more recognized as a legitimate holiday than it used to be, there are people who still feel like Feb. 14th is too hyped and unnecessary.

So we take this opportunity to say that there are many forms of love in our lives, all of which deserve to be celebrated and appreciated. While all relationships should be appreciated every day, our lives get busy and chaotic, leading us to sometimes neglect those who are important to us. So Feb. 14th is not just an excuse for business owners to make money. Instead, it is a day which is set aside for us to pause in our crazy schedules to remember to celebrate and appreciate the ones we love in our lives.

Why am I this way?

By Evan Kasakove
Op/Ed Writer

"The therapy becomes an elaborate narcissistic defense, the promise and appearance of progress while protecting an at best artificial and at worst non-existent identity. I want to learn why I am this way." Then what? Will learning why you made those choices be what changes your choices? You're still eating junk food, aren't you? You're eating it while you're learning how bad it is.

"But...why am I this way?" That *question* is a narcissistic defense. It doesn't want an answer; it wants you to keep asking the question.

"I'm a good person. I am just making bad choices." Wrong. You're not a good person until you make good choices. Until then, you are chaos.

And you know it.

This psychological assessment, from an internet blog called *The Last Psychiatrist* (the post is called "My fiancée is pushing me away and I've lost hope"), seems to me to be intuitively and logically right. I am, as a point of pride, initially skeptical about any idea that isn't of the form 2 + 2 = 4. But when experience and logic tell me that this assessment is abundantly obvious I begin to see it as an accepted truth or a logical principle.

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When I ask myself that question I either have no answer or, after painstaking contemplation, I see what has always been in front of me, what I have been too blind to see, the so-called answer.

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Money, Money, and More Money

By Ian Hassan
Op/Ed Writer

One of my favorite quotes is attributed to Sir Francis Bacon, the famous English philosopher and scientist. It reads, "Knowledge is power." But in our increasingly complicated and distraction-filled world, many of us, including myself, lose sight of what's going on, even if it is right under our noses. Now, I'm no business major, but I've always been intrigued and usually disturbed when I read or learn about what kind of federal spending goes on here in the United States. I did a little research, and here's what I found.

In 2010, the USA spent approximately $698 billion dollars on military spending. The total budget of the federal government for the same year was about $3.5 trillion dollars, so the military spending made up roughly 20% of that. Other big chunks go to Medicare & Medicaid (~23%) and Social Security (20%). However, I think it is safe to say that the last two directly aid the American people while the military spending does so indirectly, if at all. For reference's sake, the rest of the world combined spent approximately $932 billion on defense spending. No other country comes close to the US military spending. Russia spent about $86 billion and China about $78 billion. Without going into numbers, we (the United States) obviously spend a very significant amount more compared to our fellow countries. Suffice it to say: why?

"Sure, we are fighting in the Middle East, and we need to do what is necessary to protect our country from foreign attacks, terrorism, and more, but there are other things to consider spending our money on."

There is no good answer. Sure, we are fighting in the Middle East, and we need to do what is necessary to protect our country from foreign attacks, terrorism, and more, but there are other things to consider spending our money on. Foregoing the strong arguments for spending more on education, environmental protection, and domestic aid, we have a very big hole in our collective pocket, if you haven't forgotten. By most estimates, while the United States of America is a whopping $14 TRILLION dollars in debt, the military spending, which I've spent a fair about of time talking about, hasn't been cut. Nor have many other programs. In fact, military spending has actually increased dramatically. Between 2001 and 2010, the US military spending increased 81%. Now, I'm no economist, but if you're in debt a significant amount, I believe it's NOT a good idea to not only continue spending but spend more. In a word: DUH. But for some reason, it isn't so obvious.

Spending money isn't even always a way to boost productivity anyway. Take the American Education system, for example. We spend the most money, per school-aged child, out of any country in the world; our annual spending on education totals around $809 billion. Yet our math and science scores are some of the lowest among comparable nations. Throwing money at the problem will not always make it go away.

Another "little" problem to mention, which was brought to light a few years ago but never fully addressed: wasteful spending, or more particularly, accountability for spending. What am I talking about? Our government is so inept that it cannot even account for the money that it spends. To quote former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, "According to some estimates we cannot track $2.3 trillion in transactions." No, I did not misquote that, nor did Mr. Rumsfeld forget to move the decimal place. To put it simply, we're just being stupid.

The United States used to be a not only a powerful nation, but a smart one. We developed countless new technologies, fought valiantly in meaningful wars, even landed on the moon. And now where are we? Drowning in debt, fighting debatable wars, and throwing money that we don't have to make problems go away? Hell, we couldn't get to the moon if we tried right now. Come on America, let's be smart again.

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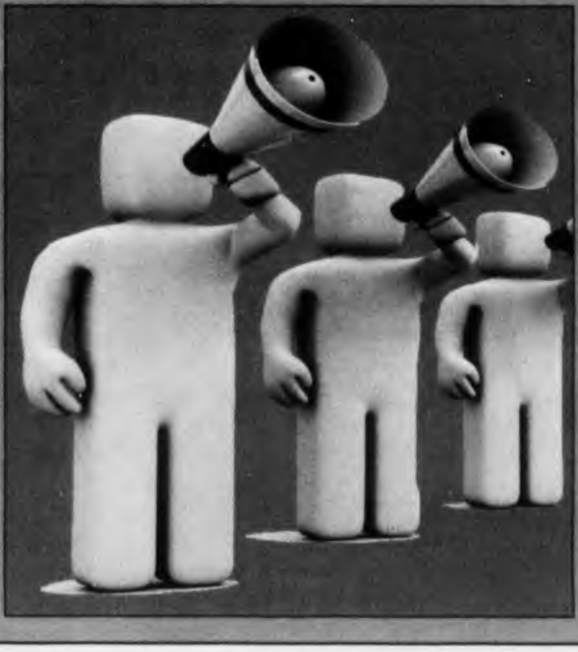

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For example, say you have no friends, i.e. no one likes you. You could initially assume everyone is just awful and you wouldn't want to be friends with hypocrites and sycophants anyway, but after you get past that rationalization, you realize, "Well maybe I'm part of the problem." (Hint: you are always the problem.)

So you ask the question: "Why am I this way?" Maybe you don't know the answer, so you just keep asking the question over and over in your head. In the meantime, nothing in your life actually changes, and, of course, no one likes you any more than they did before you asked the question. Maybe you know the answer, the answer being simply, "I am not nice to other people." Okay, so now that I know the answer, I can fix the problem, right?

"'I'm a good person, I just am making bad choices.' Wrong. You're not a good person until you make good choices. Until then you are chaos. And you know it."

Substitute in, "I can actually have friends; I just need to be nice to people," and you have the mental trap. All of this is theoretical - conjecture - a one-way dialogue in your head that comes before action - that precludes action. It makes you think you have accomplished something, when you haven't. You may think and feel as if you changed, but nothing has changed; you still have no friends.

This process goes through our head both consciously and unconsciously. The conscious process is the rationalizations, the hypotheticals, the planning, and the daydreaming. All these things are synonyms for the greater process going on: inaction. We think about change but we don't actually change. The only thing that changes things is action, and what you've been doing is self-gratification.

I think when people do this, a part of them knows they're doing this and wants to do something about it. They want to change, be a better person, but it's so hard to change. It's easier to blame others, easier to plan to be better, easier to tell yourself that this time it will be different. The only way for things to be to different is to take that first step, that first action. It no longer becomes the hypothetical where you have played out every possible outcome in your head, it becomes the unknowable consequence, the complete and utter darkness…

It finally becomes real.

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 3 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Feb. 3 – Sexual Assault – On campus, in compliance with the Campus Safety Act of 1990, we are alerting the campus community of an incident that happened during the early morning hours of Feb. 3. A female student was sexually assaulted by a male student who was known to the victim. There is no apparent danger to other members of the Muhlenberg College campus. Be aware of your surroundings. Keep an eye on your friends and contact Campus Safety if there are concerns.

Feb. 3 – Injured Student – In Trexler Pavilion, lobby, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Feb. 3 – Injured Student – On Chew St., there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 4 – Check the Welfare/Locate – In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report to check the welfare of a student. A Campus Safety officer spoke to the student. Health Services and Residential Services were notified.

Feb. 5 – Disorderly Conduct – At 330 N. 22nd St. (Phi Mu), there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. A student was arrested for Public Drunkenness and Disorderly Conduct.

Feb. 5 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, basketball court, there was a report of a found ring. The owner later claimed the ring.

Feb. 5 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Feb. 5 – Disturbance – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of an alcohol violation involving a non-student. Allentown Police Department responded and arrested the non-student for Public Drunkenness.

Feb. 5 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, pool area, there was a report of a found necklace. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The necklace was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 5 – Institutional Vandalism – On N. Leh St., there was a report of vandalism to a pole light. The glass cover was broken off. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 6 – Sick Student – On Chew St., there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Feb. 6 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of found eyeglasses. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The eyeglasses were placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 6 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of a found jacket and set of keys. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 6 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In the Hillel/Sociology/Anthropology building, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 6 – Larceny/Theft – In Trumbower, first floor, there was a report of theft of a wireless microphone transmitter. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 6 – Found Property – Off campus, there was a report of a found bracelet. The owner later claimed the bracelet.

Feb. 6 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 6 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Martin Luther Hall, basement, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 7 – Found Property – In Robertson Hall, there was a report of a found jacket. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The jacket was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 7 – Sick Student – On campus, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 8 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of found money. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The money was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 8 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 8 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the Benfer Hall parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle causing damage to the driver's side mirror. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 9 – Sick Employee – In the Martin Luther Hall parking lot, there was a report of a sick employee. The Health Center and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the employee to the hospital.

Feb. 9 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Feb. 10 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a sick student involving alcohol. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 10 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Feb. 10 – Found Property – Off campus, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Feb. 10 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick visitor. Allentown EMS and the Health Center responded. Allentown EMS transported the individual to the hospital.

Feb. 10 – Found Property – At 2214 Chew St., there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner later claimed the item.

Feb. 10 – Larceny/Theft – At the Hillcrest House, second floor, there was a report of theft of money. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 11 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. Allentown Fire Department responded. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 11 – Intoxicated Person – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. A non-student was arrested for Underage Drinking. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol found in the room. A letter of trespass was issued to the non-student.

Feb. 11 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found camera. The owner later claimed the item.

Feb. 11 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Prosser north quad, there was a report of graffiti vandalism. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to clean the area.

Feb. 12 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. Allentown Police Department transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 12 – Sick Student – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 12 – Injured Student – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused transport.

Feb. 12 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 12 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of a found wallet and keys. The owner later claimed the items.

Feb. 12 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In the Hillel/Sociology/Anthropology building, there was a report of trashing. Garbage and unauthorized food was found in the house. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

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Dean of Students James T. Bryan explains revised disciplinary sanctions.

Graham and Hypnosis at C & F

by Sheryl Sachs

Can an entire nation be hypnotized and kept in that state for two years?

Dr. Kenneth Graham, Professor of Psychology, dealt with this disconcerting thought in his recent lecture, "Hypnosis and the Mass Media." Dr. Graham began his talk on the dangers of the use of subtle, yet extremely effective hypnosis with the example of Adolf Hitler, a man who knew how to "spellbind and exhilarate vast audiences" said Dr. Graham.

Through almost unnoticeable gestures, Hitler captivated and mesmorized thousands of Germans, and the world as a whole. He "hypnotized" the masses simply by his words and deliverance of them. "Individuals tend to lose their identity in a crowd" stated Dr. Graham. Hitler understood this and took advantage of it.

A more heterogeneous crowd than that which Hitler spoke to is the "crowd" created by the mass media, a strong force in today's society. In his lecture, Dr. Graham quoted V. F. Calverton, saying that, "hypnosis is far more important as a social force than as an individual one." The mass media—television, radio, and printed material—is one of the most powerful social forces in society. This material has a profound effect on the unconscious mind. Studies have shown that it subtly and effectively "hypnotizes" the susceptible viewer.

The ability to be hypnotized, by a so-called "hypnotist," or more unrecognizably, by a television set, is related to one's capacity for "emotional, creative, and imaginative thought" said Dr. Graham. Dr. Roger Sperry dealt with this in his study of the two hemispheres of the brain. He found that both television and hypnosis are related to the right half of the brain, that part responsible for visual, spacial, synthetic and non-logical thought.

Midway through his lecture, Dr. Graham related a study which used

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Student Court and Dean of Students Revise disciplinary sanctions

by Scott Hoffman

On February 1, all Muhlenberg students found in their mailboxes a memo from the Dean of Students Office entitled, "Revised Disciplinary Sanction."

As with much of the school "junk" mail students often receive from day to day, many simply tossed it in the nearest wastebasket and forgot it. Others half-heartedly glanced over it and few actually read it. But the revisions in the disciplinary sanctions of the social code have the potential to make some very noticeable differences in the lives of many Muhlenberg students.

Under the previous sanctions, a student convicted of violating any act of the Social Code could have any of four disciplinary sanctions imposed against him.

A disciplinary warning—simply a letter outlining the misconduct in the student's personnel file, disciplinary probation establishes a period in which further conviction jeopardizes the student's enrollment. Disciplinary suspension removes the student from attending Muhlenberg for a period of time and expulsion removes him or her permanently.

In cases where a student violates an act, the Dean of Students may impose a warning or probation but, suspension and expulsion can only be decided by the student-run Student Court.

In more instances, violations are sent to Student Court which tries the case and renders its decision with any of the four sanctions.

The new changes contain two major revisions from the previous codes. If a student is found guilty, he may be ordered to work on a campus work detail for some length of time.

The other major difference is a new section of the Probationary Sanction which can remove a student from any intercollegiate sports team, student organization or college housing if convicted and given a disciplinary probation.

Dr. James Bryan, Dean of Students, said that the revisions were proposed by Student Court two years ago because they complained that the previous codes were inflexible. They felt that many students regarded a probation as simply a slap on the wrist which had no effect on them.

However, a suspension is an extremely severe action which could permanently affect a person's life. Student Court felt that some sanctions were needed for these cases which fell between the degrees of these sanctions.

Initially these proposals were not accepted. Yet, last semester an increase in the number of second and third offenders before Student Court was noticed and the Dean of Students felt the additional sanctions were needed.

Although some of the changes seem severe, such as the work detail and removal from college housing, Bryan emphasized that these measures were hoped to serve mainly a preventative function and were not intended to be used on every offender.

For example, the work detail would mainly be used for people convicted of damaging school property. The work would be simple janitorial cleaning under the authority of Building and Grounds Dept.

"The main purpose of the changes," said Bryan, "is to show the students they will be affected immediately by their actions."

Nadeem Maqbool, President of Student Court, feels the new changes will make Student Court more effective allowing it to better deal with everyone involved.

Student reaction on campus was extremely varied. Of the three students interviewed, all wished to remain anonymous and none were aware. of the changes. When informed, two felt the changes were severe and one complained the changes were meaningless because he felt the court system was not working and the changes would not help.

Another dissenting voice was that of Ralph Kirchenheiter, varsity football coach, who thought the restrictions on students involved in sports and other student organizations may be discriminatory. Although not concerned with losing players, he felt that the potential punishment to a student active in campus life is unduly more severe than to students who are uninvolved and not contributing to the college community.

Though the controversial revisions are now official and in effect, it will be up to Student Court and the Dean of Students office to decide to what extent the new measures will be enforced.

While members of Muhlenberg's five social fraternities and their supporters wait for freshmen to accept their bids on Monday, February 14, members of the Alpha Tau Omega house are burning a composite photograph belonging to the Phi Kappa Tau house. Snowball fights between the houses punctuated the afternoon.

Student Council amends their Constitution in poorly attended Student Body meeting

by Bill Sachau

The weekly Student Council meeting held on February 10th was preceded by a Student Body meeting where those in attendance voted on changes in the Constitution of the Student Government and the Honor Code proposal. The constitutional changes, which involved mainly new club budgeting procedures and other structural changes, were passed.

The Honor Code proposal was also passed, which contained more strict measures to enforce adherence to the Honor Code, such as a violation of the Honor Code in a particular course counting as an F in one's cumulative average and attempted credit hours and a second violation resulting in expulsion.

This proposal will go before the student body in a referendum where students will have the opportunity to voice their opinions concerning this issue. Following the referendum, the proposal will go before CCSA and finally to the faculty for consideration.

At the Student Council meeting, the first order of business was the discussion of the application for the position of recording secretary, which will be made available to all interested students in the near future.

There was also an amendment to the Concert Committee Constitution passed whereby members will now be elected every year instead of every semester. Abby Weinstein gave the report for the Academics Policy Committee and announced that Charles Bednar is now the new chairman.

Council treasurer Joe Nave gave the Budget Review report. The budgets for the Ski Club and the Chess Club's trip to a tournament in West Virginia were passed. Also, the budget of the Forensic Society was discussed since Council had previously put a freeze on their funds until further questioning of their budget. It was finally decided that the Forensic Society would be given up to $300 with the option of coming back to Council for more funds as needed.

Cyndi Blaschak, a student at Cedar Crest, brought before Council a proposal for a joint Board of Associates Fair involving both Cedar Crest and Muhlenberg. The Fair is planned to be held on May 1st on the Cedar Crest campus. Blaschak commented that this would be a great opportunity for the various college organizations to show off their accomplishments and to raise extra funds.

Jen Schoen gave the Academics Committee report and said that there have been some changes in the questions on the Course-Faculty Evaluations to be run this semester in order to improve their effectiveness. Jen also brought up the fact that since it is impossible to run the evaluations every semester due to high costs, a decision must be reached as to how frequently the evaluations should be conducted so as to get the best results and feedback from students.

Possible solutions include conducting the evaluations every other year both semesters or conducting them during the Spring semester of one year and the Fall semester of the following year so that all courses offered will be evaluated. Dean Stenger will talk to the department heads to see which system would be most efficient.

Diane Pedicini gave the Student Life Committee report and announced that the Family Feud Game is going to be held on February 21st in the Garden Room. She also said that through cooperative efforts between the Student Life Committee, Program Board, and WMUH, dances in the Garden Room will be sponsored every other Friday night

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Hirsh explains summer session

by Megan Roxberry

It goes without saying that most Muhlenberg students aren't overly concerned with the summer of '83 yet: right now, they're either trying to shovel their cars out of mammoth snow drifts or wishing it *would* snow soon so classes will be cancelled and they can hit the ski slopes.

However, some students who want to avoid being "snowed under" by a crammed schedule next semester may want to consider the alternative: taking some courses at one of the 'Berg's summer school sessions.

As Dean of Continuing Education, Dr. James Hirsh explains it, Muhlenberg's nine summer sessions offer a multitude of courses (84 in all), small classes (roughly 525 students attended last year's sessions), and relatively inexpensive housing for students wishing to live on campus.

This summer, students can choose from such offerings as a music-theatre workshop, a course in the software design of micro-computers (to be taught by Mr. Goldman), a trip to Bermuda (conducted each summer by Dr. Oplinger), and a Russian studies journey to the Soviet Union under the guidance of Dr. Ziedonis.

For those wanting to complete general academic requirements, all regular requirement courses are also available. Among the advantages of the summer sessions, Dr. Hirsh cites the inexpensive housing available ($25 per week for a double, $40 for a single), and the lower cost per

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"The person who tries to live alone will not succeed as a human being. His heart withers if it does not answer another heart. His mind shrinks away if he hears only the echoes of his own thoughts and finds no other inspiration.

- Pearl S. Buck

Alumni Spotlight

Rebecca Belk Clemmer

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

1) When did you graduate? What were your majors/minors?

I graduated in the Class of 1982 with a BA degree in German Language and Culture. So now you might say, what was the path from a degree in German to a job in Regulatory Affairs? In my case, the simple fact that I had a college degree in anything was what my employer was looking for - originally I was hired in a clerk position, but they knew the person would be moving up in the organization and the degree was necessary to prove that the person being hired knew how to think. So here I am.

2) What is your job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.

I work as a Regulatory Manager in the Regulatory Affairs department of a major agricultural chemical company. My job is a desk job, but fortunately has many different facets to keep things interesting. Regulatory Affairs concerns the label, registration, and use of the products we make, which are highly regulated and widely used.

I interact with state and federal officials, I keep up with scientific documents, I field calls from our own employees and outside users who have questions about our products. Paperwork, forms, computer time, and phone calls make up my day

3) What is your commute like?

My current commute is not too bad, 23 miles to drive each way. Depending on the traffic, that usually takes about 40 minutes. I like to listen to audiobooks to make the time go faster.

4) What has the transition been like from being a student to working full time?

You're asking about something that happened quite a while ago! I remember people telling me when I was in college that this was the time of my life when I would have the most free time. I remember thinking, "What, are you kidding?"

Then I got a full time job, which at the time involved taking a train into Philadelphia each day, learning so much new stuff, and adapting to a new environment. I recall that the transition was exhausting.

5) Do you plan on going back to school to get an advanced degree?

I don't have any plans at this time for an advanced degree.

6) What are some tips you would give to students looking for jobs?

It has been a while since I needed to look for a job. However, I would say that it's important to mention your search to everyone. I mean everyone! People at church, at the supermarket, at the gym... You never know who might know someone who knows someone, and most people love to help you if they can.

Also, be open to recognizing that there are several paths to where you think you want to end up, so be open to hearing about jobs that are only related in a kind of sideways manner to your goal. And finally, recognize that there are a LOT of jobs out there that you've never even heard of, that might be quite interesting - so ask and listen.

7) What do you miss most about being on campus?

I miss the free time. I miss the cultural events, parties, gatherings, concerts, and plays that were all right around me. I miss the gang that hung out at Bernheim, a residential house that is no longer there (literally).

8) Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?

Take advantage not just of the social stuff, but of the other things college offers: the concerts, lectures, art exhibits, and field trips that are so easily accessible and so inexpensive for you.

Take advantage of the opportunity to have meaningful conversations with others who are like or unlike you. DO you classwork. DON'T be afraid to really think and participate in your classes - this is why you're at college! You're not a nerd for caring about it, you're smart.

9) How do you stay connected to Muhlenberg?

I receive emails, and my daughter will graduate from 'Berg this spring.

"A Reptile Dysfunction"

By Amy McGovern
Life Writer

On Saturday Feb.11, the University of Pennsylvania's "Mask and Wig Club" held a performance of their latest production, "A Reptile Dysfunction." As the oldest collegiate all-male musical comedy troupe in the nation, the performers were held to high comedic and musical standards—which they easily surpassed.

"A Reptile Dysfunction", written by two students of the University, holds true to the traditional fairy tale—fully equipped with an extravagant prince, a menacing dragon, and a damsel in distress. However, in this production the prince is an egotistical coward desperate for fame, but even more desperate for the love of one disapproving journalist; the dragon is an actor who "can't breathe fire, but has it"; and the damsel in distress is a gender-confused "princess," who the troupe so cleverly refers to as "the half-girl prince," seeking revenge for the fortune of her fully- male brother.

From the moment the actors stepped onto the stage—some dressed as women, some as downtrodden townspeople, and all in ridiculous wigs—they were met by the audiences' uncontrollable laughter; however this laughter was backed by amazement at the sheer talent of the students' ability to write and perform such a witty and entertaining musical.

The men in the Mask and Wig Club succeeded in combining the ever-loved fairy tale with a story reminiscent of something one would see on MTV's "True Life." Their unquestionable talent and dedication paid off in this production, which is sure to be remembered. "A Reptile Dysfunction" is playing now through Mar. 30 at the Mask and Wig Club House in Philadelphia, with tickets available for select shows online.

The Art of Design

By Kathy Burke
Life Writer

The Martin Art Gallery proudly hosts the second annual exhibition of senior student design for theatre and dance in the Galleria Lobby of the Baker Center for the Arts, February 24th through March 18th.

The exhibition features Douglas Bucci and Ryan Killeen's work in lighting design; Rebecca Schlauch and Jackie Walsh's work in costume design; and Andy Zepp's work in scenic, lighting and sound design. All five students have participated extensively in numerous campus productions during their academic careers.

Exhibition curator Constance Case, a lecturer for costume design, explains, "Designing for theater is challenging. Our students need to understand the elements and principles of visual art and then incorporate them in a way that enhances and defines the character and movement of the performers and aids in telling the story. When everything clicks the payoff is enormous."

Douglas Bucci is completing a theatre major and sustainability studies minor; Ryan Killeen a technical theatre and communications double major; Rebecca Schlauch a theatre major/costume design and studio art minor; Jackie Walsh a dance and theatre design double major; and Andy Zepp a theatre design major.

A reception will be held in the Galleria Lobby, February 24, 4 – 5:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. The Galleria Lobby is open daily, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; closed during semester breaks and holidays.

Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy

A creative short story

By Alexandra Legregin
Life Writer

Gnawing on the delicate bottom of her narrow lips, she is a ghost in the frame of the doorway. Her hair, which has never been so thin or so yellow, falls in fine, terse ringlets. She is sturdy standing there, completely static, but as I come closer to take her hand in my own, I am unpleasantly surprised at how fragile her miniature fingers are. I bend down to reach her level and look into the languid, cobalt ovals that are her eyes. *Mommy*-- her breath is crisp and bitter, the putrid stench of vomit rising between us like an invisible curtain, *I just threw up.* She annunciates her language beautifully, like I've taught her to, and I gather her compact form into my arms. As I walk up the staircase, rocking her gently, she wilts over my shoulder, and it is then that I can feel her tiny rib cage protruding against the swell of my inner arm. I lay her down and wipe her face with a warm rag to scour the remaining vomit from the sharp curve of her chin. Read me a story, she begs, the oceans of her eyes already welling up in anticipation of a "no." *Sure, alright*. My answer is callous, but she delights in it anyway, smiling to reveal one absent front tooth. *That is the biggest smile I have seen in weeks*, I think to myself as I lift Little Red Riding Hood (her favorite) from the dainty pink nightstand. I read to her, and she falls asleep to the steady beat of my words. Her slumber is substantiated with the faint melody of snoring, and with that I fade away, out the door, and into my own domain.

He lays here, facing me, under the downy comforter that we share each night. He smiles evenly and pulls me into his own familiar embrace. *She'll be okay*, he reassures me, but I can feel the agonizing tears fall from his swollen ducts. His body is a quivering shell around me. I am rubbing his forearm, as I bury my face deep into his chest to conceal a distorted smile. His heart thumps in his chest and I listen, counting each decisive beat until consciousness is suspended and I am overtaken by sleep.

In the middle of the night, I think she calls Mommy, but my ears are so numb to her voice that I'm not sure. But soon he is shaking me, and I rouse reluctantly from the depths of the covers. When I waltz down the hall and open her bedroom door, my little girl is heaving violently. I rush to her side and pull back her fine hairs with urgency. She vomits all over the white lace comforter. Hearing the commotion, my husband runs into the dimly lit bedroom, shouting orders. *Go and get a garbage bag, some towels, and juice to hydrate her.* He is frantic and volatile in this heightened state and my go-to response is to please him. I leave the fresh linens at her bedroom door and make my way to the refrigerator. I stand firmly before it and extend a wavering arm. With it, an abstraction of yesterday's chicken soup. I bowl and heat the soup and prepare a tray to serve it on.

A vile and awful thing, the familiar bottle of cleaning solution, resides in its gloomy cave. As I open the cupboard and reach for it, my moistened palms instantly detect its cool handle. My fingers loop around it, and I pull the bottle towards me until it falls harshly into my arms. I measure out a careful teaspoon, mix it in sufficiently, and finally place the cleaning solution back in its shadowy abode. Swallowing hard, I carry the tray up the staircase, along with my conscience, now filled with a bizarrely sour relief.

The alabaster walls surround us, and she lays astoundingly still on the miniature examining table. Her skin is milky but cold to the touch. The husky pediatrician notices immediately, and commands a nurse to retrieve a blanket. I stand tall next to the doctor and look down into the thin, porcelain face I know so well. She smiles feebly, her eyes watery and hollow, and a tinge of guilt leisurely creeps up my spine. I swallow it impulsively, forcing the compassion out and into the open. With a distressing glance, I look to the doctor and then my child. I take her hand in my own and inquire as to the test results. As suspected, chronic vomiting could have many causes, but more tests are required to find a definitive answer. For now, my poor and innocent child's illness is a mystery. I take a few exasperated breaths and stumble over to nearby chair. The young doctor sits adjacent to me and puts a plump, sticky hand on my shoulder. *I think its time you see a specialist. Ellie isn't getting any better.* My eyes grow laden with tears that effortlessly trace the sharpness of my cheekbones. The doctor holds me in his gentle embrace, pitying me for my colossal misfortune. Delight forms maliciously in the pit of my stomach, as I again gather the frail child into my arms and shuffle out through a crowded waiting room.

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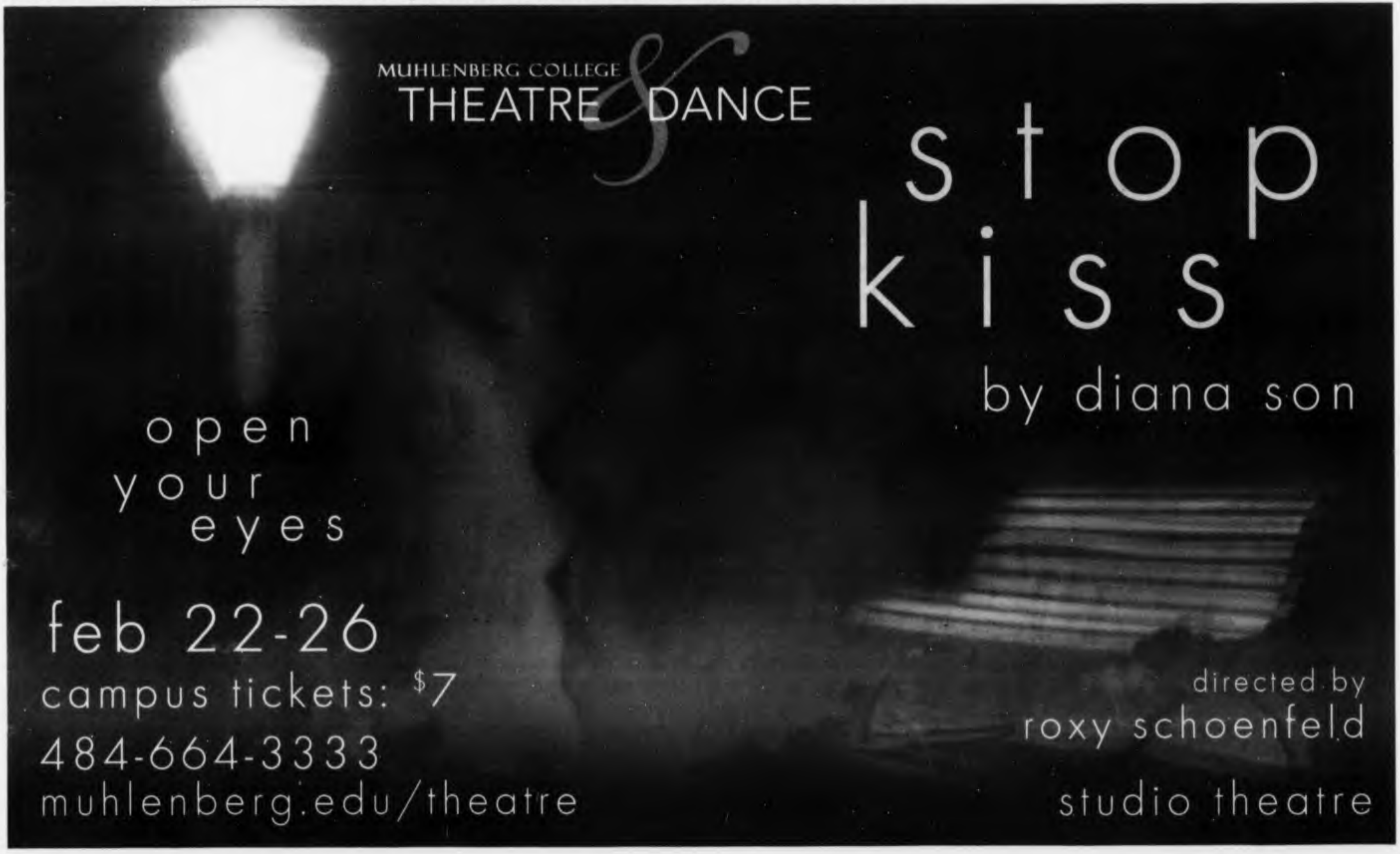
In the sweltering August heat, I sit cross-legged on the hardwood floor of the newly barren room. The walls, a pale and morose pink, are the sole tangible memory of what had been. I feel the distasteful trickles of perspiration fall down my nose and I breathe vigorously, hoping that the beating of my apathetic heart will begin to slow. I close my eyes and grasp onto the only thing I have left: bitter memory.

In the heat of this passing moment, narrow lips are unresponsive. Sweet breath is fleeting fast as fingertips begin to crumble. I watch the child, the chaste, precious child, fall fast from consciousness. Her delicate body is motionless in my arms and I'm screaming at the very top of my lungs but the sound doesn't even reach my own ears. We lay here completely engrossed in this deafening whirlwind.

He senses trouble from the bedroom upstairs. Strong, sturdy feet march down to the sitting room and take charge. As he takes her into his arms so that I may call 911, I watch the way he looks at her. Gnawing on the narrow bottom of his lip, I see his selfless heart crumble right before my own two eyes. He rocks the five year old like a newborn in arms that have always protected her.

Unable to catch a single solitary breath, the mindless confession plummets from my lips. We wait for the ambulance in stark silence, collectively thinking of the prosecution which lies ahead.



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Ask the Panda Girl:

The Weekly's advice column

The Panda Girl

Dear Panda Girl-

I'm a freshman, doing pretty well here at Berg, involved in clubs and getting good grades. Yet for some reason I cannot get along with my parents. It seems like I can't live up to their standards. We get into huge fights all the time over insignificant things. Their lack of faith in me frustrates me and we get into more fights.

This is unsettling to me because I feel they are happy that I'm away at school and aren't looking forward to having me back for summer. I'm at a loss as to what to do to control my temper and fix my relationship with my parents.

-Frustrated Freshman

Dear Frustrated-

This is a tough time, this transitory first year. Glad to hear you've been having a good first year at Berg. It is important to keep in mind that this is hard on your parents, too. Have you ever babysat a child who cried when their parents left? It is separation anxiety, and it's not just for toddlers. It is painful to let your child go, to try and parent while still giving the child their independence. It sounds like you are butting heads on this issue- how to still have parent influence and be independent. I hate to tell you, but this issue won't go away by itself. I'm a senior and I struggle with this still.

But the best way to start is to put things in perspective. I am ready to bet money that your parents are very excited to have you home for summer. They miss you. Know that they love you. You argue because they feel strongly for you and want you to do things right. If they didn't care, they wouldn't try so hard. And you must care as well, because this strain is hurting you. It's time you and your parents had a serious talk about your feelings. It may be that part of the arguments that come up are from misunderstandings and miscommunications.

In order to start that process, organize your feelings. What specifically about your relationship with your parents would you like to fix? What hurts you most? What would you like from your parents? What would you be willing to change about yourself in order to help the situation? When you have these questions answered for yourself, be ready to listen to your parents. Really listen and try to understand from their point of view.

In the mean time, find an outlet for some of that temper and that anger. Something to get that temper under control so you can have this kind of difficult conversation with an open mind. When you feel your temper getting the better of you, excuse yourself from any argument you may be starting to have, and cool off. Listen to music. Punch a pillow. Do some yoga and deep breathing. Maybe take up some kind of routine as a regular outlet- take up a martial art, set aside time in your day to de-stress and zone out.

Keep calm and carry on,
The Panda Girl

Send your letters to AskPandaGirl@Gmail.com or to Box 2072

Winter

A creative short story

BY TORIE PAONE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When Richard unexpectedly approached Allison one winter afternoon, she hardly recognized him. In fact, if he hadn't tugged at her arm to break her concentration from walking into Seegers Union, she would have walked past him. When she stopped and absorbed her physical surroundings, Allison was surprised to see Richard standing before her looking disheveled and frazzled. In a college setting, it is normal to see students in a state of chaos for one reason or another, but something about his mannerisms and appearance today led Allison to feel estranged from Richard.

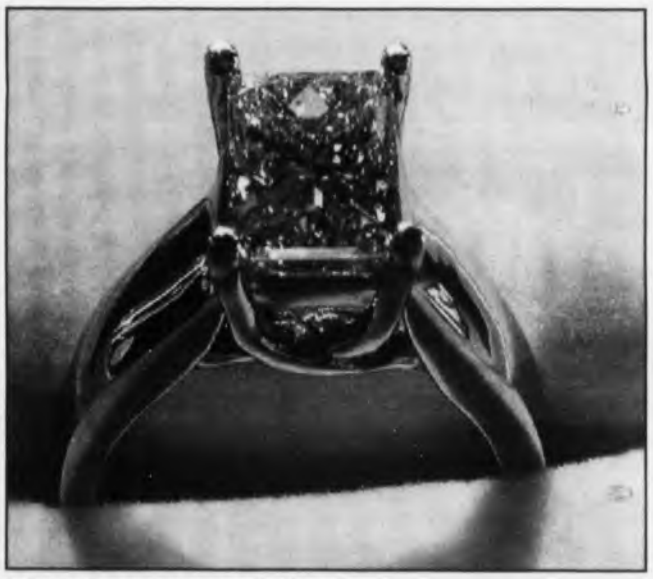
Particularly, his face seemed unfamiliar to her as she searched to find a feature she recognized. Allison notoriously had a thing for Richard's soft cherry lips, but today they were purple and cracked. She wanted desperately to kiss his lips so that they would return to their natural state, but the idea of kissing stale lips hindered Allison from pursuing that course of action. Instead, she continued to stare, as Richard remained in his unraveled state. On a typical day when Allison and Richard reunited, his eyes would grow wide and sparkle as though they captured a shining star from the night sky. Today, however, his eyes seemed swollen, and the illumination that graced Allison regularly was now dimmed. Even if the condition of Richard's eyes weren't truly different from yesterday, they were darting around faster than a pinball, and this alarmed Allison.

Instead of focusing on the irregularities of his appearance, Allison decided she would investigate the situation at hand. She began to purse her lips together in an attempt to say "what", but they stopped as her blood pressure began to skyrocket. She felt dizzy and light headed, but refrained from movement of any kind. She was annoyed at her body's reaction to Richard's condition, but she realized that her abnormality arose from his. The circumstance she found herself in with Richard was unnatural, and her mind began to race as new thoughts were being developed each second.

As Allison contemplated the worst scenarios in her mind, her body continued to react. Meanwhile, no one noticed that Allison and Richard remained statuesque in front of Parents Plaza. Their peers continued to execute their own mission of the day with fixed eyes, so no one saw the rising tension between the stilled figures. Allison's eyes began to swell, and before she could stop the process, single droplets of tears began to roll down Allison's rosy cheeks. She tasted the salt, but didn't acknowledge it for fear that her disgust would appear on her face. She didn't want Richard to know how she felt at that moment about anything, even the taste of her tears, so she imitated his stagnant pause.

Richard desired to move, but his concentration on his flaws prohibited him from doing so. His fingers wiggled slightly as his body fought for him to take charge of the interconnected processes flowing about him, but his efforts remained exclusive to his hands. Seeing Allison upset and confused made him sick. He wanted to say something but he physically couldn't move his lips. He wanted to hold her, but he couldn't move his arms. He wanted her to move, but he realized that this was a new situation for both of them and that he was the catalyst for her unresponsiveness.

Time was moving quickly despite what Allison and Richard thought. They remained still for a half hour until change could no longer be avoided. As he slowly knelt to the ground, Allison took a step back. His hands were trembling with fear as he reached into his jacket pocket. The box that he withdrew from his pocket was without a label, and as he opened it his disoriented features began to stabilize once again. There was no time for Allison to react to this sudden change as Richard blurted out all at once, "Will you marry me?"



Allison's engagement ring.

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She gasped, then paused, and then gasped again. Despite the fact that it was their senior year, Allison was not expecting a proposal. Sure Richard was the love of her life, but she never let her mind wander too far into the future. Richard was still kneeling on the ground staring up at Allison like a slave would look up at his master awaiting his orders. Allison didn't have to say anything for Richard to understand the answer.

The cold, diamond-encrusted metal slid onto Allison's ring finger and it fit perfectly. Richard massaged her hand and nestled her face into his breast. They had no words to exchange; in fact they hadn't exchanged words since Richard approached her over a half hour ago. Their mimed mannerisms spoke of their relationship. They didn't needs to express how the felt for one another and were afraid that words would only misrepresent their feelings.

When Allison's friends approached, she ignored them. Allison didn't do this purposefully, but whenever she and Richard were together, no one else existed. They didn't know where they were at this moment, and they didn't care. Their embrace nourished them in every way, and leaving that position was the last thing on their mind. When Allison broke the embrace to look at Richard's face, she noticed his lips had returned to normal. Knowing that this was her true Richard, she rose on her tippy- toes, leaned in, and met his lips. She stayed there until the bell from the clock tower chimed twice and she knew she would be late for class.

Their entwined hands finally unlocked, their feet finally gained balanced, and they finally parted ways for the afternoon. Winter was prominent everywhere else, but not in their hearts. As they reached their next destination, they felt a warming sensation they hoped would last throughout winter.

UPCOMING GAMES

Women's Basketball

(18-5, 13-5 CC)

Wed. 2/15 at Haverford, 6:00

Men's Basketball

(15-8, 9-7 CC)

Wed. 2/15 at Haverford, 8:00

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Women's Basketball

(18-5, 13-5 CC)

Wed. 2/8 vs. Bryn Mawr, W 71-39

Sat. 2/11 vs. McDaniel, W 66-54

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Track athletes honored by Centennial Conference

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Left to right: Kimberlee Yalagngo '12, Nicolette Miller '12, Nicki Cronin '14, and Erica Bash '13

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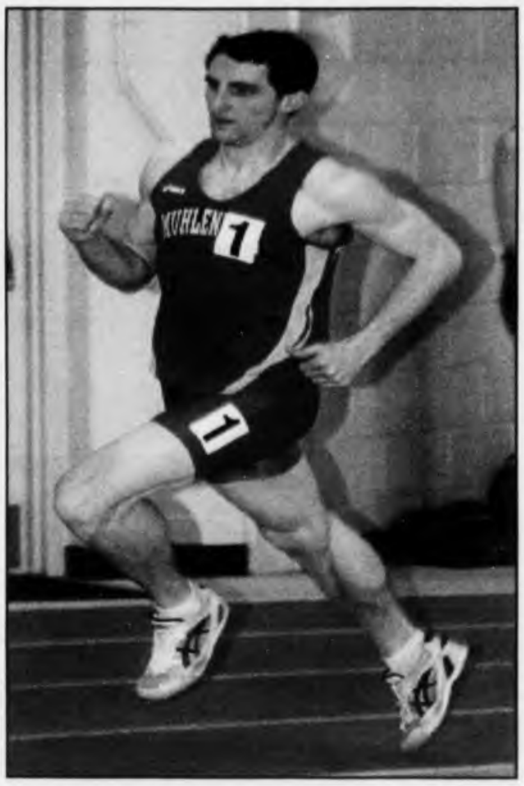
Five members of the Muhlenberg track and field teams, four women and one man, were named athletes of the week by the Centennial Conference. The four women – seniors Kimberlee Yalango and Nicolette Miller, sophomore Nicki Cronin and junior Erica Bash, left to right in the picture at left – combined to set a CC record of 9:33.37 in the 4x800 relay at the Lafayette-Rider Games. They broke the standard of 9:33.43 set by a Johns Hopkins team in 2009.

The foursome finished second to a Division I team and broke the school record – which Miller and Yalango helped set as freshmen three years ago – by more than nine seconds. The Mules' time is the best in the CC this season by 26 seconds.

Senior Peter Rice earned the CC weekly recognition for the fourth time in his career. Rice was part of two first-place finishes at the Lafayette-Rider Games, winning the 400 and anchoring the 4x400. His time in the 400 (49.56) is the best in the CC this season, and he helped the relay team break an eight-year-old school record. Rice is now part of five school-record relay teams.



Peter Rice '12

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Basketball teams head toward last week with playoffs in sight

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Liddic scored 10 of his 16 points from the foul line and also blocked three shots.

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The women, playing at home against winless Bryn Mawr, won for the second time in as many days, 71-39. Themen traveled to defending CC runner-up Dickinson and lost, 79-60, but are still squarely in the midst of the playoff picture.

The women have never lost to Bryn Mawr, and it was clear early on that the streak wasn't going to end this time. The Mules scored the first 14 points of the game and led 33-8 with five minutes left in the first half. They shot 57 percent in the first 20 minutes, went into the locker room with a 41-15 lead, and cruised from there.

Muhlenberg (17-5, 12-5) is tied with Ursinus for third place in the CC, two games behind Johns Hopkins (14-3), which lost at McDaniel. Franklin & Marshall (13-4) is sandwiched in between. The Mules can clinch a playoff berth with a win in one of their final three games.

Junior Alita Zabrecky led the team with 14 points in only 13 minutes of playing time, and senior Alexandra Chili added 11. Freshman Emily Lesher tied her career high with eight points.

All 17 Muhlenberg players had at least one point or assist, and none played more than 18 minutes.

The Mules turned the ball over only five times, their fewest since a five-turnover game against Washington College last year, and blocked 11 shots, one off the school record. Senior Kathleen Naddaff led the way with three swats.

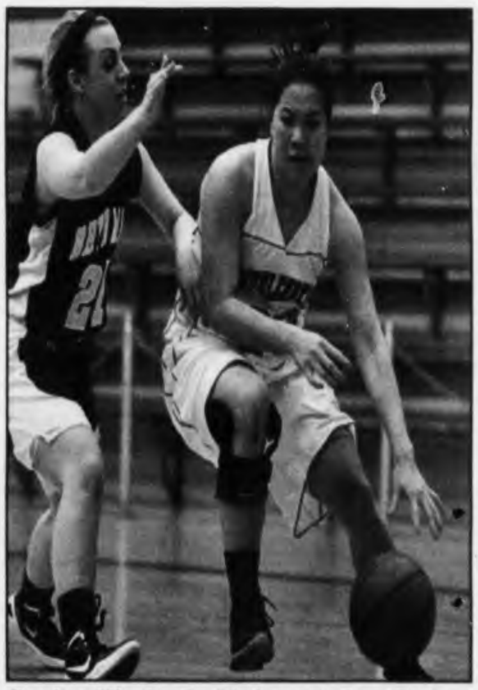
The second straight game for the Muhlenberg men's basketball team against one of last season's CC finalists did not got nearly as well as the first.

Second-place Dickinson used a strong second-half run to blow the game open and snap the Mules' four-game winning streak, 79-60. The loss drops Muhlenberg (14-8, 8-7) into sole possession of fifth place with three games – all against teams in the bottom half of the standings – left in the regular season.

With a 16-point, 10-rebound game, senior Spencer Liddic broke the CC records for career rebounds (957) and double-doubles (42), which he tied in Saturday's win against Franklin & Marshall. Liddic also moved into ninth place on the conference all-time scoring list with 1,631 points.

The Red Devils (13-9, 10-5) led by six at the break. Muhlenberg got to within four at the 13:59 mark of the second half, but Dickinson used a 31-10 run to put the game out of reach.

Freshman Malique Killing tied Liddic for the team lead with 16 points. Sophomore James Albano had his best game of the season, tying his career high with nine points to go along with six rebounds and a career-high three blocks.



Senior Kimberly Mui made her first career start and scored two points.

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Women's Basketball, Track and Field, earn National Rankings

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A Muhlenberg individual or relay team is in the top three on the CC performance list in 10 events, including senior Michael Baer (third in the high jump).

Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

The women's basketball team is sixth in the Mid-Atlantic in the first regional rankings of the 2011-12 season released by the NCAA. The committee that determines these rankings is the one that will ultimately award bids to the NCAA Tournament.

The regional rankings are based on a combination of in-region winning percentage and strength of schedule, calculated using opponents' winning percentage and opponents' opponents' winning percentage.

Here are the top six in the rankings, through games of last weekend, with in-region record and overall record:

1. Juniata 20-0/21-1
2. Lebanon Valley 19-2/19-2
3. King's 17-2/18-3
4. Johns Hopkins 17-2/19-2
5. Messiah 15-3/16-4
6. Muhlenberg 15-5/15-5

The Mules have since improved their record to 17-5 with wins against Dickinson and Bryn Mawr the last two nights. Johns Hopkins dropped to 17-3 in the region with a loss at McDaniel last night. Muhlenberg is tied for third in the Centennial Conference, two games behind Hopkins, with three games to play in the regular season.

After a week out, the men's track and field team returned to Mideast Region top 10, as released by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The Mules were eighth in the first rankings, then slipped to 12th. This week, Muhlenberg is ninth:

1. Haverford
2. Widener
3. Gwynedd-Mercy
4. Elizabethtown
5. Moravian
6. Johns Hopkins
7. Carnegie Mellon
8. Messiah
9. Muhlenberg
10. Salisbury

The rankings are based on teams' ability to score points in a meet, based on their performances to date. The Mules, who have run in five meets this season, have their last big meet before the CC Championships when they travel to the Armory in New York City for the Lafayette-Rider Games tomorrow.

Kathleen Naddaff is one of four Muhlenberg women's basketball seniors who will be honored prior to Saturday's regular-season home finale against McDaniel.

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Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King Memorial Statue replica

By Dan Schloss
News Writer

For two weeks in the middle of February (Feb. 15-29), the Trexler Library is showcasing a replica of the Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King Memorial Statue. The full-sized version, featured in Harry A. Roberts Plaza in Allentown, is a testament to Dr. King's visions, breakthroughs, and inspiration during the Civil Rights Movement. Designed and produced by prominent black sculptor Ed Dwight, Jr., the statue is only one of his many tributes and public arts in his colorful career.

Growing up in a dynamic world for blacks, Dwight faced a range of experiences and occupations before he realized his passion for art. He fulfilled a childhood goal of flying when he joined the Air Force and became a test pilot; soon after, he became the first black astronaut candidate. Dwight harnessed his skills to become an IBM engineer and aviation consultant, only to become a restauranteur, and then branch out into real estate and construction. However, Dwight found his place when he was sculpting and giving to communities through his monuments and memorials.

Now, he mainly focuses on remembering the African American past, embodied in his recent memorials of the civil rights struggles and sculptures of Martin Luther King, Jr. Such pieces include the National Monument to Cotton Picking and Sharecropping, the John Hope Franklin Memorial, and a tribute to Rosa Parks. His best known statue is a monument to Dr. King, which stands in Denver, CO. Having lately channeled his talent in service of Colorado Governor George Brown and even President Obama, Dwight is poised to become a renowned figure in both art and black history.

Supreme Court justice will review racial preference for college admissions

Courtesy of The Associated Press

The Supreme Court is setting an election-season review of racial preference in college admissions, agreeing Tuesday to consider new limits on the contentious issue of affirmative action programs.

A challenge from a white student who was denied admission to the University of Texas flagship campus will be the high court's first look at affirmative action in higher education since its 2003 decision endorsing the use of race as a factor.

This time around, a more conservative court could jettison that earlier ruling or at least limit when colleges may take account of race in admissions.

In a term already filled with health care, immigration and political redistricting, the justices won't hear the affirmative action case until the fall.

But the political calendar will still add drama. Arguments probably will take place in the final days of the presidential election campaign.

A broad ruling in favor of the student, Abigail Fisher, could threaten affirmative action programs at many of the nation's public and private universities, said Vanderbilt University law professor Brian Fitzpatrick.

A federal appeals court upheld the Texas program at issue, saying it was allowed under the high court's decision in Grutter vs. Bollinger in 2003 that upheld racial considerations in university admissions at the University of Michigan Law School.

But there have been changes in the Supreme Court since then. For one thing, Justice Samuel Alito appears more hostile to affirmative action than his predecessor, Sandra Day O'Connor. For another, Justice Elena Kagan, who might be expected to vote with the court's liberal-leaning justices in support of it, is not taking part in the case.

Kagan's absence probably is a result of the Justice Department's participation in the Texas case in the lower courts at a time when she served as the Obama administration's solicitor general.

Fisher, of Sugar Land, Texas, filed a lawsuit along with another woman when they were denied admission at the university's Austin campus. They contended the school's race-conscious policy violated their civil and constitutional rights. By then, the two had enrolled elsewhere.

The other woman has since dropped out of the case. The state has said that Fisher is a Louisiana State University senior whose impending graduation should bring an end to the lawsuit. But the Supreme Court appeared not to buy that argument Tuesday.

The Project on Fair Representation, which opposes the use of race in public policy, has helped pay Fisher's legal bills. "This case presents the Court with an opportunity to clarify the boundaries of race preferences in higher education or even reconsider whether race should be permitted at all under the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection," said Edward Blum, the group's director.

The project also issued a statement in Fisher's name. "I hope the court will decide that all future UT applicants will be allowed to compete for admission without their race or ethnicity being a factor," she said.

Most entering freshmen at Texas are admitted because they are among the top 10 percent in their high school classes. Fisher's grades did not put her in that category.

The Texas Legislature adopted the Top Ten Percent law after a federal appeals court ruling essentially barred the use of race

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Tim Miller, you are welcome here

This past week, Villanova University cancelled a week-long workshop that was to have taken place in April. It was to have been run by performance artist Tim Miller. While no official reason for the cancellation was given, it is widely assumed by those of the community and Mr. Miller himself that the decision was made because he is gay. When reporters and activists reached out to the University, no one was available for comment. However, a statement put out by the University said, "With regard to the forthcoming residency and performance workshops by Tim Miller, we had concerns that his performances were not in keeping with our Catholic and Augustinian values and mission."

When asked to comment on the situation, Miller said, "Villanova tries to present itself as being this really tolerant place but clearly they're really succumbing to homophobia."

Despite Villanova's cancellation, Mr. Miller has scheduled appearances at other schools here in the Valley, including the College. He will be on campus on April 12.

Here, guest speakers are chosen carefully based on input from students. Whatever religious associations the College might have come secondary to the wishes of the campus community. As a whole, the culture of the College is incredibly tolerant of and welcoming to all races, religions, and identities. This is evident in the various types of clubs and organizations present on campus, ranging from the Black Student Association (BSA) to Hillel-sponsored Shabbat dinners, which are open to everyone. As such, Tim Miller's presence will be welcomed here amongst the wide range of tolerance and diversity of the student body.

Being in the Muhlen-bubble, we sometimes forget that the world outside is not so accepting. But something like this happening so close to home reminds us that maybe the bubble is too small.

I vote SNL

By Stephen Kraushaar
Op/Ed Writer

"Live from New York, it's Saturday night!" This iconic phrase is the opening to one of the longest running television shows in US history. Saturday Night Live has become a cultural symbol that has defined the generations-that it has entertained for several decades. Known for its political parodies, the show has no doubt affected society with its memorable humor. Tina Fey's Sarah Palin impression where she says, "I can see Russia from my house!" in Palin's notorious Alaskan accent, is a skit that has remained popular since 2008. The writers of SNL know how to communicate with American citizens in a witty and influential dialect.

While this political satire is *harmless* and *all in good fun* on the surface, it has dramatic consequences. The sad truth is that an immense percentage of the US population is not up to date with current affairs and is synchronously fed information through an opinionated feed. Statistics show that majorities of young people in the US are getting their news from Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart, which are not acceptable substitutes to unbiased and factual news! In the United States, 47% of American citizens aren't paying a dime of income tax! Who could expect the whole country to stay educated with current affairs with such a huge percentage of citizens not even paying income tax? If an American citizen were to get their political knowledge solely through Saturday Night Live, then they would be receiving propagandized news.

Both Republicans and Democrats are mocked on this show, but in a much different manner. When SNL broadcasts a skit involving President Obama, they portray him as the "cool" president and mimic his voice and at worst, his ears. There are not any skits that discredit him as a political figure. In contrast, when Republican politicians are mocked on the show, they are made to look like ignorant buffoons. George Bush, Rick Santorum, Sarah Palin, Herman Cain, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich… These are only six of the many Republican politicians who are mocked to the point of degradation on SNL. There is a clear bias worked into this show and it is a perfectly permissible form of free speech, but it is a strong force on the liberal agenda.

I don't suggest for a moment that SNL censor their show, but I do plea for a wake up call for America to open its eyes and be aware of the influence of media! Every citizen is entitled to their opinion and I encourage people to express their views, but with a proper foundation of knowledge. The media has become a polluted and corrupt entity that propagandizes political agendas. SNL is only one example of political propaganda, but it is one in disguise.

We Americans *need* to gain awareness to all of the poison in the media and learn to sift for the truth.

Linsane in the membrane

By Joshua Clement
Op/Ed Writer

For those of you who have been not been paying attention to the sports community in recent weeks, or are living under a rock, like the normal world just deprived of professional basketball news, then you are missing out one of the most significant sports stories of the year. Jeremy Lin is a Harvard graduate who was undrafted and recently got a chance to start by the New York Knicks and has taken by league by a storm. It has been all over ESPN and Lin has even graced the cover of the most recent Time Magazine. Now I understand the appeal of the story, it's an underdog story, American to the core, of a man who has struggled against all odds and has strong family values. What I am curious about is its level of importance in our society, and whether or not these kinds of stories are becoming *necessary* to produce.

It's easy to draw comparisons from Lin to Tim Tebow as both are modern success stories that exploded across America and, at their core, are about individuals who represent what Americans want in sports. Tebow is different in the fact that he plays his position in an unorthodox manner and there is the slight problem that he can't throw the football with any semblance of accuracy, but he wins games. Lin has some issues with turnovers, but it's hard to say his skill is deficient in any manner. Both stories, in their time, consumed the sports media, and national media for that matter. Tebow had his detractors but for the most part he became a national icon, he represents what America had not had in sports; a man who clearly made his positive values part of his media image. He was the altar boy in world of athletes who constantly have been in the news for the wrong reasons.

Lin has been taken by the media and turned into their new Tebow, the success story that defines the NBA. The problem is, it's not true. The NBA isn't about that, it's always been about players with raw talent and that has been the story of the league since Wilt Chamberlain. But that's not the real thing that is being posited by the media and latched onto so firmly, its all about the values with Lin and Tebow. Our representation of strong family values, Christian values, have penetrated a place where previously society had agreed upon was a place where morals quickly disintegrated. It's so important to us because our role models come from sports and we invest so much our teams. I don't completely understand why we put such value on the lives the athletes live off of the field, why do we expect our role models to come from

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Why the news matters and what Is newsworthy?

By Adam Neufeld
Op/Ed Writer

Are Muhlenberg College students thinking? Well, if they are and have any extra time, they don't want to write and submit it to the *Weekly*, that's for sure. Unfortunately, the *Muhlenberg Weekly* has begun to lose writers along with its credibility, and that's such a shame because the news matters. While Student Government spends up to $15,000 per semester funding the publication, most of the copies hit the recycling bin before students, faculty, or staff even take a copy. Free press and publication is not just a right, but also a gift. Countries around the world struggle and die for the right to freely express themselves every day (#Sri Lanka), while we take it for granted and tweet and hash tag about something that in the grand scheme of things really won't matter tomorrow. We think it will, but come on; be serious. It probably won't. But hey, it's OK; don't be so hard on yourself. We are college students: why should we care? We aren't the future of our country or anything. Are we? I get it. We are all stressed, overcommitted, want to be in good physical shape, do well in school, have a social life, play video games, have time to check Facebook/Tumblr/Twitter, get a job one day, drink beer, smoke pot, pursue sex, play instruments, go to sports, theater, dance events, hopefully shower (#3rdfloorML…guys, seriously, the floor stinks), have time for religious worship (#comeprayonSundayafternoonswithournewChaplainCallistaandFridaynightsatHillelorRomanCatholicMassonSundaynights), check ESPN, text mom, avoid text messages, not make eye contact from that drunk hook-up at Maingate (#manyofus), buy shoes with Dad's credit card and finally be able to provide for ourselves the comfortable lifestyle that our parents have worked so hard to give us. We seem to be afraid to struggle. But struggle is what this country was built on. And some other things, but a lot of those other things aren't as cheery and optimistic (#dr.herrick and #dr. hashim) Any great story is about peaks and valleys. If it were all peaks and no valleys or the vice versa, you are either bragging too much or flat out just too darn depressing. I got faith though. Really I do. I would rather be led by my imagination and dreams then just accept that the news and the *Weekly* doesn't matter. I wonder if we have too many mediums to express ourselves. We give all this energy to Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr. We think our ideas will be heard that way. Well, I know for one thing that the Muhlenberg audience is a pretty decently large and well-educated audience.

One of my friends from high school, Kevin Karp, has a brother. His brother is David Karp. Anyone know the creator of Tumblr? Well, actually it's David. Now, I like a challenge and being told that I can't do

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Express Yourself!!!

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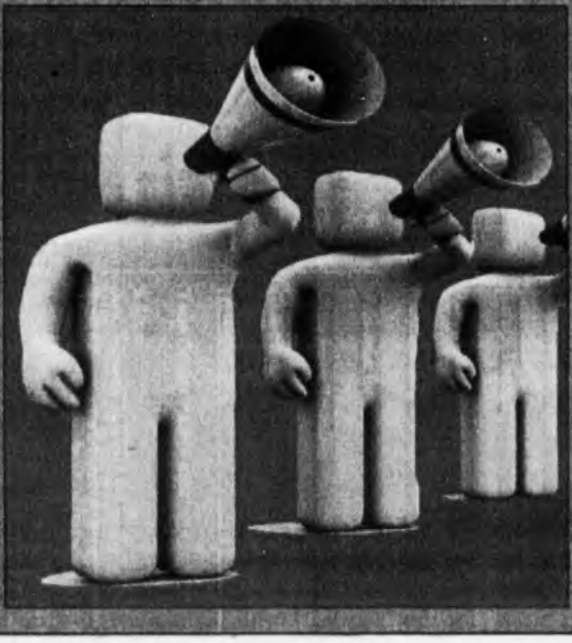

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20- to 30- year-old athletes who live in a system where they are given everything if they are skilled enough and then expect them to act morally? We give them paradises to live in and expect them to act as if they are living normal lives with normal rules. So when we finally find athletes that match our constructed version of these role models we place such importance upon them. Part of this is due to the fact that there are channels upon channels of sports coverage, 24 hours a day. Something has to fill the time up and what better way to do that than to give people the story that they can identity with? But what happens when we over exploit these stories, what happens when their season is over? I think Jeremy Lin is what happens. Yes, it's a great story and he is a supremely talented athlete who has come out of nowhere to lead the Knicks. But it's been about a week and a half and Lin is already on the cover of Time Magazine. These sorts of stories happen pretty frequently, lots of undrafted athletes in the NFL end up making high impacts on their teams. So how important is the fact that Lin and Tebow has moral values that mainstream America identify with? Maybe it's just New York City and that's why it's blown up so big, but I'm not so sure. I think that the media has found a story that works, and they are going to work that angle for as long as they can and keep searching for these athletes that follow our sense of what athletes are supposed to be, not what they are, and I don't think it can last.

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something. I know a lot of people have Tumblr accounts and spend hours a day on his website. I haven't talked to Kevin in years and didn't really leave high school on a great note. For those keeping score at home, I did not go to either my high school graduation or prom and picked up my diploma two weeks later. For a small of private school with a graduating class of 49 students, you piss off a lot of people and worst of all you don't allow for closure for yourself. But I still love the high school, just not all the students I graduated with. My question is to you, Muhlenberg Community, is if I got David to come up and speak would someone write in the *Weekly* about it? Is that newsworthy? I don't have a Tumblr account and don't even know really what it is to be honest. I want to save the *Weekly* in more ways than one and I won't find a way alone, but together we can do anything with a little sweat and a whole lot of laughs.

Sincerely,
#AdamNeufeld

P.S. I tried (#MuhlenbergCollege)…will you (#Muhlenbergstudentbody)?

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 13 – Check the Welfare/Locate – At 2309 Turner St. (Rehearsal House), there was a report to check the welfare of an individual in the building. The person was spoken to and identified. Allentown Police Department responded and transported the individual home. There was no further incident.

Feb. 13 – Larceny/Theft – In Trexler Library, B Level, there was a report of theft of a phone. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 13 – Injured Visitor – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of an injured visitor. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the visitor to the hospital.

Feb. 14 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found key. The key was given to Residential Services to identify the owner.

Feb. 14 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The student was issued a new sticker.

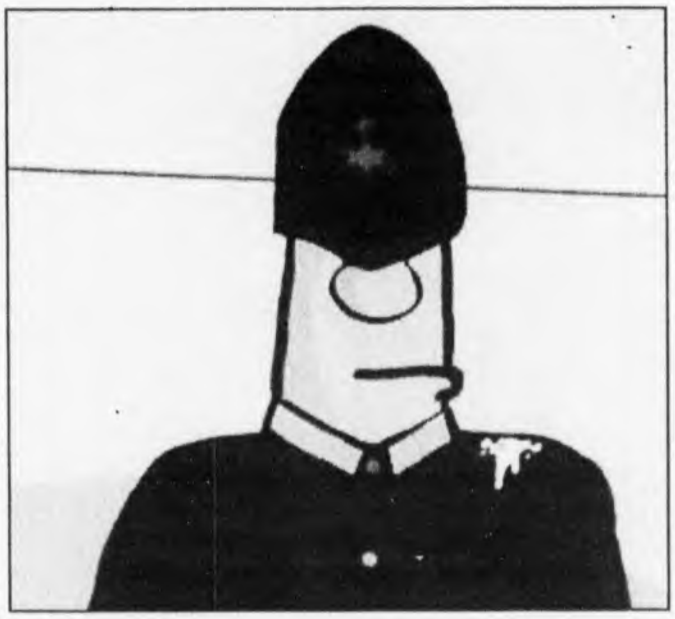
Feb. 14 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of drug possession. The items were brought to Campus Safety and were photographed and discarded. A non-student was identified and issued a Letter of No Trespass. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 14 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found key. The key was given to Residential Services to identify the owner.

Feb. 14 – Suspicious Person – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a suspicious person. The individual was identified and spoken to. Allentown Police Department responded and issued the individual a citation for Trespass. The individual's vehicle was towed. Campus Safety issued a Letter of No Trespass as well.

Feb. 14 – Larceny/Theft (Shoplifting) – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of theft of food. The individual was identified and spoken to. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 15 – Check the Welfare/Locate – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report to check the welfare of a student. Contact was made with the student. There was no further incident.



Feb. 16 – Sick Student – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 16 – Sick Student – At the Phi Sigma Sigma house, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Feb. 16 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2147 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 16 – Check the Welfare/Locate – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report to check the welfare of a student. Contact was made with the student and Health Services was notified.

Feb. 16 – Injured Student – Off campus, there was a report of an injured student. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individuals were identified and spoken to. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individuals were identified and spoken to. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 17 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The student was issued a new sticker.

Feb. 18 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a sick visitor. The individual refused further treatment or transport. A relative picked up the visitor.

Feb. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – In Robertson Hall, there was a report of vandalism to a handrail. Plant Operations was notified to repair the rail. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 18 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost backpack.

Feb. 18 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In the Prosser Hall parking lot, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. Allentown Police Department transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 18 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – Off campus, there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Disruptive Conduct Reports will be issued to the residents by both Allentown Police Department and Muhlenberg College.

Feb. 19 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism. A mirror was broken. Housekeeping was notified to clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 19 – Harassment by Communication – In Seegers Union, there was a report of harassment by communication. The investigation will continue.

Feb. 19 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Clarification: In the Feb. 16 issue it was stated that there was a report of disorderly conduct on Feb. 5 at 330 N. 22nd St., identified as the Phi Mu house. It should be clarified that it was a male student involved in the incident that took place in a parking lot in the vicinity of 22nd St. The Phi Mu sorority and its members were not involved in this incident.

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in admissions.

But following the high court ruling in 2003, the university resumed considering race starting with its 2005 entering class. The policy at issue applies to the remaining spots beyond those filled by the top 10 percent and allows for the consideration of race along with other factors

Texas said its updated policy does not use quotas, which the high court has previously rejected. Instead, it said it takes a Supreme Court-endorsed broader approach to enrollment, with an eye toward increasing the diversity of the student body.

"We must have the flexibility to consider each applicant's unique experiences and background so we can provide the best environment in which to educate and train the students who will be our nation's future leaders," said Bill Powers, president of the University of Texas at Austin.

Before adding race back into the mix, Texas' student body was 21 percent African-American and Hispanic, according to court papers.

By 2007, the year before Fisher filed her lawsuit, African-Americans and Hispanics accounted for more than a quarter of the entering freshman class.

Fisher's challenge says the Top Ten Percent law was working to increase diversity and that minority enrollment was higher than it had been under the earlier race-conscious system.

Fitzpatrick said two other states, California and Florida, use similar "top 10" plans, although California law explicitly prohibits the consideration of race.

"But the vast majority of schools that are selective are using affirmative action, though they don't like to advertise it for fear of being sued," he said.

The case is Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin, 11-345.

Weekly Sudoku

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rainy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
54 34	41 28	44 31

Do you keep up-to-date on all things happening on campus?
Do you want to inform others about them?

Write for News!

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Dr. Robert Thornburg, chairman of the Academic Policy Committee.

College buys new computer; system has more languages

by Jeff Chambers

Muhlenberg College has taken a giant step toward joining the ranks of modern educational institutions by purchasing a Digital DEC-11-70 computer system. The system replaced an antiquated machine that could not serve the needs of the college.

The new DEC-11-70 system has 256K of core memory with twelve input terminals. Six of the terminals are hard copy teletypes. The remaining six terminals are CRT's. The system includes two disc drives, containing 67 million bits per disc, and one 1600 bpi tape drive with 2400 feet of tape. Also attached to the system is a 600 line printer. The computer speaks full FORTRAN, COBOL, and BASIC.

It replaces a computer with 8K of core memory, a card reader, and only three keypunches, one of which is suitable for saving as a museum piece. It was capable of speaking only intermediate FORTRAN and COBOL.

In addition, the DEC-11-70 has great capability for expansion. Without alteration, the computer can handle four more terminals, for a total of sixteen. With alteration, the computer can handle up to 64 terminals. The core memory has capability of expansion to four million K.

The system is connected to Denver, Colorado, via a WATS line for diagnostic service. If a problem were to develop with the hardware, the problem could be diagnosed over the telephone by another computer in Denver. Denver would then contact a repair facility in Allentown, which would dispatch a repairman with all parts necessary to repair the computer. The cost of the computer was approximately two hundred thousand dollars. The maintenance contract costs between ten and twelve thousand dollars per year.

The six hard copy teletypes are dedicated to student use. Each student taking a computer science course is given a block of storage space in which his or her programs are stored. The student may store his program and call it up at any time for de-bugging or use. The computer is directly accessible through the terminals from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., six days a week. The student commands the computer run which minimizes turnover time. Turnover time is the amount of time required to run the program through the computer. Before the purchase of the DEC-11-70, turnover time was from twelve to twenty-four hours. The turnover of the new system is about ten seconds.

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Weekly Photo

Mr. Michael Boldissar, Director of the Luther Deck Center for Institutional Research.

APC proposes credit for CLEP tests

by Jeff Reisel

The Academic Policy Committee, headed by Chairman Dr. Thornburg of the English department, recently accepted Dean Stenger's proposal that students who demonstrated abilities in their department of study be permitted to take an academic equivalency test in which transferable credit would be awarded for scores of B or higher. If the APC proposal is accepted by the various academic departments involved, then the faculty will be called upon to vote on the proposal.

Permission to take College Level Equivalency Program tests will be granted by department heads who have judged students' performances in courses and feel that they are advanced enough to opt out of a class through a CLEP test.

In the past, Muhlenberg students who opted out of courses through academic tests were not given transferable credit. If Dean Stenger's proposal is accepted by a faculty vote, students can begin to receive credit for these tests. The credit given does not figure into grade averages although a student must achieve a minimum of B on a CLEP test, which is regarded as the equivalent of a letter B received in the course.

Students, for instance, who are granted CLEP tests for Language Arts can receive credit proportionate to the number of years of achievement that they demonstrate on a CLEP test.

The APC set a limit of 30 credits awarded to any student through equivalency tests and stipulated that no student receiving CLEP

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Council views Open Forums and Committees

by Mark Marotta

Student Council was confronted with a variety of issues at its meeting of the 15th, including committee restructuring, a pass/fail period, and Open Forums with Dr. Morey.

The proposed committee restructuring plan, which Council has been discussing for several weeks, has a provision allowing students not on Council to become voting members of committees after attending several committee meetings. Tim pointed out the need for a recall procedure for such students if they fail to fulfill committee responsibilities; he suggested that council should meet with prospective students to determine who would be fit for serving on committees. John Kreger said that such a procedure would be feasible only as long as a few students were interested in joining committees.

Mitch Goldblatt told Council that Dr. Morey will first see how successful his "open office" policy works before deciding whether to hold an Open Forum. Tim Schaadt called for a letter to be sent to Morey showing Council's dissatisfaction with not having a Forum.

Goldblatt warned that Morey will say that Council has not given the open office policy a fair chance. John McKeon responded that Morey, if asked by Council, will hold a Forum.

Jane Goldsmith revealed that Dean Harold Stenger has seemingly reversed his position and now sees "merit in extending" the pass/fail and drop/add deadline. Says John McKeon: "The extended time period . . . proves that the undergraduates and administration *can* work together with positive results." Whether the administration truly intends to be more responsive to student demands remains to be seen, especially since Dr. Morey, in rationalizing why students were not informed about the construction of DiSuvero's "Victor's Lament," has said that it is sometimes not necessary to have students involved in decision-making.

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Students propose Chemistry Committee

Weekly Photo

Dr. Richard C. Hatch, advisor to the newly formed Chemistry Committee of Majors.

by Mara Sue Saperstein

On February 14, 1979, approximately ten junior and senior Muhlenberg College students, majoring in Chemistry, assembled to discuss the prospects for a Committee of Majors for Chemistry. Dr. Richard C. Hatch attended the student meeting, but the decision to formulate such a committee was the students' idea.

It was proposed that the major goals of the committee would ultimately encompass the evaluation of old courses and requirements. Suggestions for new courses, including three-credit courses and the one-credit focus courses, will also be a concern of the committee. In a recent interview, Dr. Hatch expressed the department's need for a formal, organized program which would aid students in obtaining placement and summer jobs in the field of Chemistry. The committee, also sensing the need for the field placement and summer job program, has decided to include this program as a major responsibility.

There was no election of officers for the Committee of Chemistry Majors; however, a coordinator position was decided upon. Junior Joe Purz will act as coordinator and, with the support of Committee members and faculty, will attempt to create an atmosphere where assistance and guidance will be provided for upperclassmen Chemistry majors.

Dr. Hatch foresees the effect of student evaluation of the Chemistry department curriculum as being the most positive aspect of the Committee. He believes that a single department cannot always put forth ideas that it wants due to the fact that the single department is an "isolated entity."

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> "Now and then it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy."
>
> - Guillaume Apollinaire

Alumni Spotlight

John P. Paone III

By Torie Paone
Executive Editor

1) When did you graduate? What were your majors/minors?

I graduated with Honors in the Spring of 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

2) What is your job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.

I work for an Associate Justice on the New Jersey Supreme Court. I write certification memorandums recommending whether or not the New Jersey Supreme Court grants cert and hears oral arguments on the case.

3) What is your commute like?

I commute from Rumson, NJ to Somerville, NJ. It is about an hour commute to work everyday.

4) What has the transition from being a student to working full time been like?

In the beginning, the days seemed extremely long. Now, because I understand my role and responsibilities at work, the day goes by faster than I previously imagined.

5) Do you plan on going back to school to get an advanced degree? If yes, in what?

No, I do not plan on getting an advanced degree.

6) What are some tips you would give to students looking for jobs?

Prepare a detailed resumé and make connections in whatever profession you plan on pursuing.

7) What do you miss most about being on campus?

I miss the freedom and independence that college provides for undergraduate students. It allows you to engage in uninhibited academic pursuit of whatever field of learning intrigues you. I also miss the weekends at school during which you meet new acquaintances and enhance friendships.

8) Is there something you appreciate about Muhlenberg now that you are no longer a student?

Muhlenberg may be a small school, but it is an accepting and caring community. The size of the school allows you the opportunity to interact with faculty and school administrators on a regular basis. This feature is not available to many students at larger undergraduate schools.

John lives in Rumson, NJ

Photo Courtesy of John Paone

9) Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?

I would tell an incoming freshman to be socially active at Muhlenberg by joining clubs and other extracurricular activities. Don't be shy, because everyone is just as nervous as you are about fitting in and being apart of the fantastic Muhlenberg experience.

10) How do you stay connected to Muhlenberg?

I still have some friends from college who live in the Allentown area. When I have free time on weekends, I occasionally make a visit up to campus to have lunch with those friends. I also have a sister who currently attends Muhlenberg and is a junior.

Muhlenberg's Delta Tau Delta Chapter Takes the Lead at Regional Conference

By Daniel Glick
Life Writer

They made the long journey to Harrisburg, PA on Thursday night, arriving at the Sheraton Hotel with spirits running high and nerves running higher. The high spirits were certainly to be expected; there were people to meet, lectures to attend, lunches to eat. The nerves, however, were unprecedented, hinting at the momentous occasion that was about to take place. The Eastern Divisional Conference (EDC) is a two-day extravaganza, an annual gathering of Delta Tau Delta chapters from all across the East Coast. The goal: to develop leadership skills and unite the organization. The event is significant in and of itself, but there was something else on the minds of the 11 men from Muhlenberg is Theta Chi chapter.

An onlooker would have noticed it in the purposeful whispers, the anxious movements, and the focused expressions. With weeks of non-stop practice behind them and the largest audience in Eastern Division Conference history to look forward to, the representatives of Theta Chi had a powerful sense that they were about to be part of something big. As 2012's chosen constituency, they would perform DTD's sacred ritual for all in attendance on Saturday afternoon.

"I was nervous but excited," senior Matt Levy admitted, "to perform the ritual at the largest Eastern Divisional Conference ever." But before the secret ceremony took place, there was business to take care of. This mainly took the form of educational seminars, which filled the daylight hours on Friday and Saturday. Every student participating in the conference was assigned a seminar track based on their chapter position; there was a respective track for presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, guides, recruitment chairs, and new member educators, as well as a leadership seminar for those who didn't fit into and of the above tracks. Each track had two experienced lecturers who, despite the disparate nature of the unique issues covered by the various seminars, unilaterally forced the young men to confront practical issues with problem-solving techniques.

Senior Justin Black recalls that "the seminars, aside from being helpful with strategic planning techniques and specific methods for running the fraternity, were incredibly inspiring. I came back to campus motivated to do great things with Delta Tau Delta this semester."

Delta Tau Delta receives the award for "Outstanding Community Service"

Photo by Justin Black

If the seminars put the goal of a strong future on their minds, Black and the other members of Theta Chi got a good start on accomplishing that goal with the Ritual on Saturday afternoon. After the Delta Beta chapter from Carnegie Melon University performed the Rite of Iris, a public ritual designed for prospective brothers, the door was locked and an elected guard took post. Suddenly, the crowd grew silent; the air vibrated with hushed excitement.

They had been memorizing lines and rehearsing the scene for weeks. For days, they had done hardly anything else. What followed next was nothing short of extraordinary. The tiny crew from Allentown blew the audience away. Both Theta Chi and Delta Beta were commended by Division President Anthony Albanese and Division President of Ritual Nick Ferlini for performing one of the cleanest, most theatrical rituals in recent memory.

"It was great," Levy gushed, "to be told by the Division Vice President of Ritual that we were the best Ritual performance he's ever seen." That night, the festive mood only intensified when Delta Tau Delta Theta Chi received the coveted award for "Outstanding Community Service." As Saturday evening came to a close and the long road loomed wearily in their minds, one thing was clear to this young brotherhood: it was a weekend that had successfully educated, applauded, and inspired. The 2012 Eastern Division Conference was most eloquently summed up by chapter President Jason Silverberg: "For my first time at EDC's, it was oddly familiar because I truly felt I was surrounded by family."

The Muhlenberg Concert Board announces Ingrid Michaelson in concert, Sunday, March 25 in Memorial Hall. There will be a Concert Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 22 at 5 pm in Trumbower 130. If you are interested in working Production, Security, Hospitality or Ticket Sales for the concert, you must attend this meeting!

The Panda Girl

This week I got a letter from a concerned parent. Okay, it was my father being passive aggressive, but it raised an important point nonetheless. Below is part of the letter.

Dear PandaGirl,

I'm a parent of a college student, and though I know your advice is typically targeted to issues faced by students, perhaps your perspective as both a student and a daughter would be useful to parents as well.

My daughter seems to have no interest in keeping in touch with her mother (or me) on a regular basis. I know college is busy, but with today's technology, which we have always adequately provided, there is no reason why a TXT message or quick phone call in between activities isn't possible.

Without sounding harping, scolding, or otherwise "parenty", how can we get her to talk or write to us? Any advice would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Dissed and disappointed

I admit my error, and you may ask yourself, how can I provide advice if I apparently don't follow it? Live and learn, I say. The advice I give comes from experience and learning from my mistakes.

Call your parents. I know I put it off all the time, saying I'm too busy or not in the mood to be lectured etc. But it is important to let your parents know you are okay. They may seem naggy or not understand your individuality and maturity, but prove to them you won't just take advantage of anything. Call them and thank them for their support. Tell them about your classes. Let them know where their tuition money is going. I'm not saying you need to divulge your wild stories about your social lives. Even trivial things mean a lot to your parents. Last week I talked about parents and separation anxiety, or empty nesting. They'll nag you less about things if you keep them up to date on your life. They'll feel better about letting you have more independence if you prove you are handling it well. Help them out, make them feel better.

Not every call has to be a big, drawn out ordeal. Just call while you're walking to class, to say hello. My mother loves to get pictures of random things. I'll send her pictures of my lunch, the view out my window, things of that nature. Just a little message to clue them in on your day to day life, to have them feel included. After all, as a child you came home from school every day and handed them graded tests or asked for help with homework. Now, they still want to be part of your school life, but in a different way.

I responded to my father, apologized, and told him that I didn't want this to turn into a fight. I wanted to just be his "sweet pea" once again. Not everything has to be dramatic. No matter what goes on in life, your parents are there for you. Utilize that. I know I personally will always be my daddy's little girl.

Best,
Panda Girl
Send your letters to Ask PandaGirl @ gmail.com or to Box 2072

"How do you keep the music playing?"

By Zaraya Wade
Life Writer

The funeral of one of music's most valuable players, Whitney Houston, was this past weekend. The devastating death of Whitney Houston put her back on the map in an unfortunate way. Her shine to fame surrounded around her setting world-wide records in the music industry. She was a key figure in opening the door so that black women could be inspired and encouraged. She starred in *The Bodyguard*, in which she played a major theatrical role and lent her voice for most of the soundtrack. Houston also starred in *Waiting to Exhale*, *Cinderella* and *The Preacher's Wife*. Winning an array of musical awards and selling millions of copies of her albums in just a week, Houston was an icon to be worshipped. Yet, the mutterings under everyone's breath seem to surround her controversial relationship with drugs.

When someone dies, all of their accomplishments should be celebrated. Yet people get caught up in others' mistakes. What has Whitney Houston done for our world? Well, look up all of the charity organizations she donated to. Listen to the music that has transcended barriers. Look at her community, which she frequented when she could. The interviews she conducted, showed fans and everyday people that fame is not all that it seems to be. She is proof that the rise to fame usually comes with harsh consequences. With paparazzi, there is no privacy for celebrities. When they make mistakes, we, as fans, have a hard time forgiving them. Houston had some hardships, but what have we done for her? How did we react when she opened up about her drug problem? We, as so-called fans, circulated it through media sources. We made her the butt of every drug and domestic violence joke. We encouraged this behavior and did not provide enough support when she actually got up and left her abusive husband. And now that she is gone, the least we can do is acknowledge that we lost a music icon and a black woman who transcended boundaries and broke records. The "Whitney Houston" of my time is Beyoncé. But I think it is safe to say that Whitney Houston inspired many of today's black female artists to take a chance in the music industry.

From the 1980's on, Whitney Houston has shined and glittered, even through her drug problem. Whitney Houston was and will always be a star. These past few years have brought the most detrimental losses in the music industry. Tony Bennett sang it perfectly when he performed, "How Do You Keep the Music Playing?" at Clive Davis' pre-Grammy gala in honor of Houston.

Houston in her prime.

Photo Courtesy of www.google.com

Who in the World will Change the World?

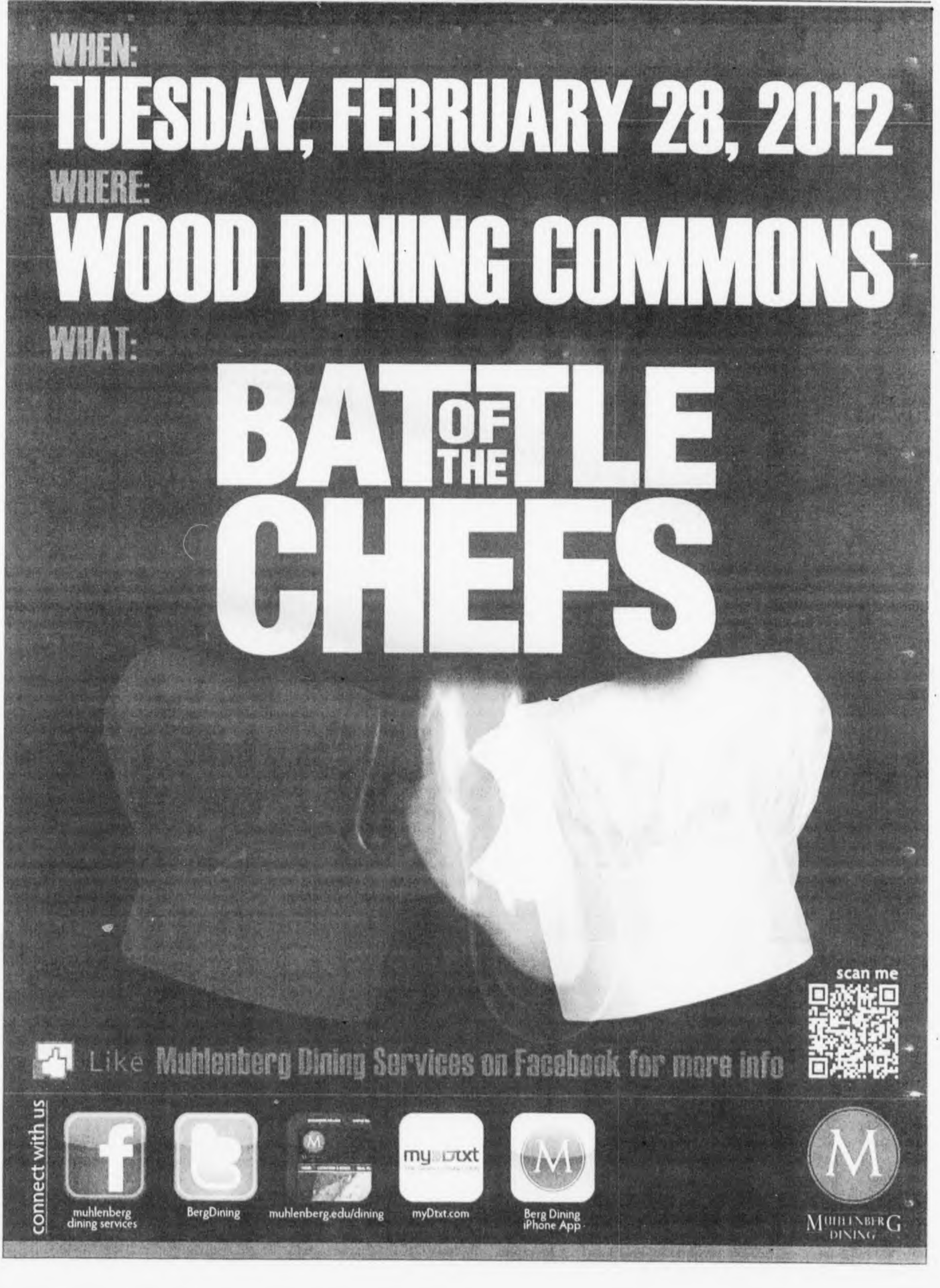
By Denali Elliott
Life Writer

Did you know that severe austerity measures imposed by the UN have driven more than 800,000 protestors to the streets of a debt-stricken Greece? Do you know of the Assad dictatorship in Syria, the Hezbollah militia in Lebanon? How about Hamas regime in Gaza, whose presence and support from Iran have created a violent, problem in the Middle East that transcends the Israeli Palestinian conflict? Have you realized that over the past two years, media coverage of global warming has decreased by 40%, despite the facts that NASA recently revealed shocking photos of earth's climate change and more extreme weather is present in your everyday life? Can you even name the current presidential candidates or speak about the contraceptive issue that may decide the next President of the United States? Do you even care?

For those who don't already know, people our age are categorized by the increasingly common name of "Generation Apathetic." As embarrassing as this may be, it is unlikely that this comes as a shock to most students in our college academic world. The narcissism of our media and social networking culture focuses on the importance of the self rather than contemporary politics and world issues. Perhaps students are under the impression that these issues are not important because they will never directly affect them. On the contrary, mass economic globalization and an explosion of modern technology implies that events taking place on the other side of the world will directly and inevitably affect our nation in the immediate future and for the generations to come.

In the face of major issues both within our nation and around the world, a common excuse is that one feels unable to make a difference. This, I'm afraid, is self-induced ignorance of the world around us and about the direct effect we have upon the future of the planet. In the United States alone, 20.3 million college students have a powerful voice and an ability, if not a responsibility, to take the future into their hands. In less than 10 years, our generation will take full responsibility for the actions of a major world power. Yet if we continually seduce ourselves with the illusion of our own insignificance beyond anything other than social networking, what will become of "Generation Apathetic?"

As students, voting citizens of the United States and members of the global human race, it is our responsibility to overcome our own ignorance and contribute to the collective future of the planet. As Gandhi once said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."



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MUHLENBERG DINING

And the beat goes on for the Mules

By Eric Dobler
Sports Writer

The Mules faced off against Haverford this past week hoping to secure a playoff berth. They would do this and more, as they went on to defeat Haverford by a score of 70-61. With this win, the Mules are now 16-8 and 10-7 in the conference play. This game was special for Freshman Guard Malique Killing because he grew up near the Haverford campus. He finished with a game high of 20 points.

However, the Mules' defense struggled early on, as Haverford was 6 of 9 from 3-point range and led by as many as eight points in the first half. The Mules cut Haverford's lead to three at 32-29 at halftime. Killing would make the game-tying lay up at 12:53 in the second half; this was the start of a 20-10 for the Mules. Haverford would responded taking the lead with 5:43 left in the game. The Mules regained their momentum as they went on a 13-2 run. Sophomore Center Kevin Hargrove converted on back-to-back three point plays as he finished with a double double.

Junior Guard Matt O'Hara dished to Senior Forward Spencer Liddic as the Mules held a seven point lead with 3:47 left. Killing also added a lay up to seal the deal for the Mules. Liddic put up a respectable 16 points and nine rebounds as the Mules marched on to Ursinus.

Liddic takes a shot
Photo Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

The Mules were destined to receive a first round bye in the upcoming Centennial Conference playoffs this weekend. They accomplished this goal as they defeated Ursinus 77-71 and moved to 17-8 and 11-7 in conference play. During the Ursinus game, Liddic finished with his 44th career double double as he put up 18 points and 14 rebounds. Killing added 27 points to break the Muhlenberg freshman's scoring record.

Muhlenberg trailed early on in the game, but went on a run and tied the game at 40. Muhlenberg and Ursinus traded baskets to make it 43 apiece, but Killing and Sophomore Guard Austin Curry and Killing would converted on back-to-back threes. Ursinus did not give up as they cut Muhlenberg's lead to only two. The Mules responded as they went on a 7-0 run of their own to end the game.

Muhlenberg finished 7 for 13 from deep. There season continues this Friday, with a Centennial Conference playoff game against Dickinson, hosted by Frankling and Marshall.

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Basketball

(17-8, 11-7 CC)

Fri. 2/24 vs. Dickinson
at Franklin & Marshall, 6:00
(CC playoffs)

Women's Basketball

(20-5, 15-5 CC)

Fri. 2/24 vs. Franklin & Marshall
at Johns Hopkins, 8:00
(CC playoffs)

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Women's Basketball

(20-5, 15-5 CC)

Wed. 2/15 at Haverford, W 60-52

Sat. 2/18 at Ursinus, W 61-56

Men's Basketball

(17-8, 11-7 CC)

Wed. 2/15 at Haverford, W 70-61

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Men's lacrosse looking to take the next step

COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

Jay Salasko has noticed something different about Muhlenberg men's lacrosse practice this season.

The senior defenseman said the preseason sessions have been a lot louder with noticeably more talking on the field than in years past.

That communication is important, he said, because the Mules, who open up the season at home against Montclair State at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, are trying to implement a more cohesive style of play this year.

"I know in the past we've struggled a little bit, but we want to change that this season," he said. "I think our defense is pretty solid and our offense has improved since our first practice. We're working better as a unit and trying to take our game to the next level. I think if we come together as a team, we can have a successful season."

The measure of success, he said, is qualifying for the postseason. It's no secret that the Centennial Conference is one of the toughest and deepest leagues in the country. And this year is no different with three teams ranked in the preseason top 20.

"The biggest question mark on defense, and perhaps on the entire team, is between the pipes, where the Mules have to replace a three-year starter....Junior James Fasola has...asserted himself as the top option."

The Mules, who have played 17 one-goal games in the past three seasons, have been close in the past; they were still in playoff contention entering the final week last season. And Salasko's freshman year they finished in a three-way tie for third place, but missed out on the postseason because of a tiebreaker.

The key to taking the next step, he said, will be offensive diversity and defensive continuity. But it all starts with getting possession, and the Mules should be as strong as any team in the conference when it comes to that.

Muhlenberg led the CC with a .588 winning percentage last season and welcomes back its top two faceoff men, led by first-team All-CC selection Nick Rispoli. A preseason honorable mention All-American, Rispoli is coming off the best faceoff season in Mule history, setting single-season records for faceoffs won (116), percentage (.614) and ground balls (75). He's joined by junior Ian Jones, who gives the Mules a solid change-of-pace option. He ranked sixth in the CC with a .576 winning percentage last season.

When Rispoli and Jones winfaceoffs, they will have plenty of options to go to in the offensive end.

Seniors Alex Ardolino (16 G, 6 A) and Corey Aferiat (8 G, 3 A) and juniors Doug Rheiner (11 G, 3 A) and Jack Reilly (7 G, 7 A) scored at least 10 points apiece last season. Sophomore Tommy Glancy (5 G, 1 A) made a solid impact as a rookie, and according to Salasko, is poised for a breakout season, and junior AJ Diaz is looking to make the move from man-up specialist to regular contributor.

"We have had a lot of guys stepping up on offense, and I think our offense is meshing as a complete unit and spreading the ball around," Salasko said. "I don't think defenses will be able to focus on stopping just one or two guys, which should make us a lot harder to defend, because there are a number of guys that can score."

Fritog on the field

COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

Junior Michael Carpetto gives the Mules a versatile option in the midfield. He finished third on the team with 37 ground balls and added four goals last season.

On the defensive end, Muhlenberg welcomes back a wealth of experience, which it will rely on to help ease the transition in goal.

Salasko is one of four returning defensemen, along with classmate Jonathan Fritog (8 GB, 6 CT) and juniors Ian deRuiter (20 GB, 12 CT) and Zach Weiner (16 GB, 7 CT), who saw significant action last season. Sophomore James Monroe is also expected to make an impact in front of the goal.

The biggest question mark on defense, and perhaps on the entire team, is between the pipes, where the Mules have to replace a three-year starter. After an open competition, Salasko said junior James Fasola has taken the reigns and asserted himself as the top option.

And from what he's seen so far, Salasko said Fasola should fill in just fine in the net, adding he is confident the defense can help lead the Mules to the playoffs for the first time since 2008.

"If we are going to have success, it will have a lot to do with us gelling as a unit," Salasko said. "We've been trying to guide Jimmy, and he's starting to step up vocally as a leader and take control of the defense. I think we have the potential to be a strong defensive unit.

"Right now, we're just trying to get better every day until the start of the season. We want to win games all season long and come through when we need to, which hasn't always been the case in the past. We've got a lot of talent, and we're ready to take the next step."

Better late than never: Carnevale breaks school record

COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

Sophomore Jeff Reinhart finished third in the 200 meters. Because of a highway closure, the Muhlenberg track and field teams arrived late for Haverford's Keogh Invitational, their last competition before the Centennial Conference Championships. The Mules missed the 4x200 relay and the mile, but in the first race in which they were able to compete, a school record fell. Sophomore Stephanie Carnevale won the 60-meter hurdles in 9.31 seconds, breaking the mark of 9.42 set in 2005. Her time is the third-fastest in the CC this season.

Senior Melissa Miller tied for seventh in the pole vault

COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

One other Muhlenberg runner won an event, senior Peter Rice in the 400. Rice lowered his CC-best 400 time to 49.77. (He ran 49.56 on a banked track last week; that converts to 50.06 on a flat track.)

A bunch of Mules posted second-place finishes, including sophomore Andrew Onimus, who lowered his best time in the 400; junior Samantha Mayden; who posted her best 800 time; senior Kyle Sullivan, whose high jump of 5-6 landed just outside the CC top 10; and junior Bre Biondi and senior Marc Brookland, who established season bests in the pole vault and triple jump, respectively.

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Basketball "dynamic duo" earn All-America recognition

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Like Astaire & Rogers, Batman & Robin, Beavis & Butt-head and other famous duos, Spencer Liddic and Alexandra Chili will always be linked. They are extremely talented performers, and they are "dynamic," but unlike Beavis & Butt-head, they are also very smart.

For the second straight Tuesday, the record-breaking Muhlenberg senior basketball players received the same honor – both were named to the Capital One Academic All-America second team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

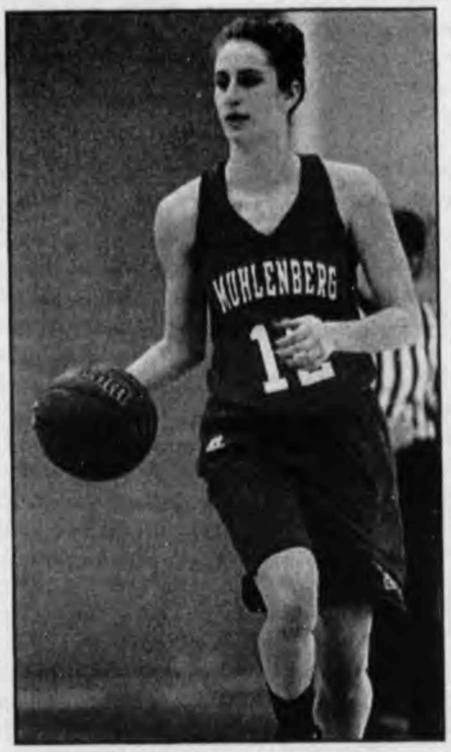
(Last Tuesday, they were named the Lehigh Valley Small College players of the year.)

In October, Liddic and Chili were both named D3hoops.com preseason All-Americans. The only other Division III school to be represented on both the men's and women's teams was Wheaton (Ill.).

The only other Division III school to have a male and female Academic All-American is another instutiton from Illinois, the University of Chicago.

That means Liddic and Chili the only pair of male and female schoolmates in Division III to be D3hoops.com preseason All-Americans and Academic All-Americans.

Only once before in Muhlenberg athletic history did athletes of different genders playing the same sport earn Academic All-America honors in the same year (soccer players David Vassilaros and Jennie Vroman in 2001).



Alexandra Chili on the court
Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Muhlenberg is the first Centennial Conference school to have a men's and women's basketball player named to the Academic All-America team in the same year.

A first-team Academic All-America selection last year, Liddic is only the second Mule basketball player to earn the honor in back-to-back years. The business administration and finance double major and CC's all-time leading rebounder is averaging a team-leading 18.2 points per game this year.

Chili is the first Academic All-American for the Muhlenberg women's basketball progam in 30 years. The political science major and CC's all-time leading three-point shooter is averaging a league-leading 17.2 points per game this year.

Both players have led their teams to successful seasons and CC playoff berths. The men are 17-8 (their most wins in 10 years) and will face Dickinson in a semifinal game at Franklin & Marshall on Friday. The women, who are receiving votes in the D3hoops.com poll, will take their 20-5 record into a semifinal match against Franklin & Marshall at Johns Hopkins on Friday.

To be eligible for Academic All-America consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00 and have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution. Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA, covering all NCAA championship sports.

Want to write for Sports?
Come join our team!

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Muhlenberg welcomes annual Battle of The Chefs event

By Michael Lee
News Writer

While the battle between Mark Anthony and Octavian for the entire Roman Republic was fought for nothing short of absolute power, a more epic and monumental battle was fought on the the evening of February 28 in the Wood Dining Commons: the Battle of The Chefs.

An event known for its competitive atmosphere, wide variety of appetizing menus and, most of all, tasteful foods, the Battle of the Chefs is an event not taken very lightly at Muhlenberg College.

The College won last year's competition and hoped to defend its title as home of the best chefs in the district while rivals from Desales, Lafayette, Lehigh, and Moravian, who looked to take down the defending champ.

This year, the theme was movies, with Muhlenberg's being *Ratatouille*. "In respect to the movie, we decided to make our main dish 'Linguini a la Remy'," says Director of Culinary Operations Jon Middleton. "While both Linguini and Remy were characters in the movie, Remy practically controlled Linguini in making all the food, hence the name of the dish."

Adam Neufeld '13 and Frank preparing for battle.

Photo by Adam Neufeld

While the food impressed the palates of many students, there were many other aspects of this event that brought great attention to them as well.

"Not only is the food great, but I love the atmosphere too," says Sophomore Josh Clements. "I just love the red carpet. It really makes me feel like I am at an important event."

With hundreds of hungry college students and even hungrier poised chefs (hungry for winning that is), nothing creates better unity than a friendly cook-off.

"This is a great event not only for the school, but for the community as well," says Senior Alexandra Chili "It does a great job at keeping all the schools in the district involved with one another."

While the winner may not get a ring, a paid vacation to Disney, or a trophy, the winner is able to bring home something a lot more valuable: one more year of bragging rights.

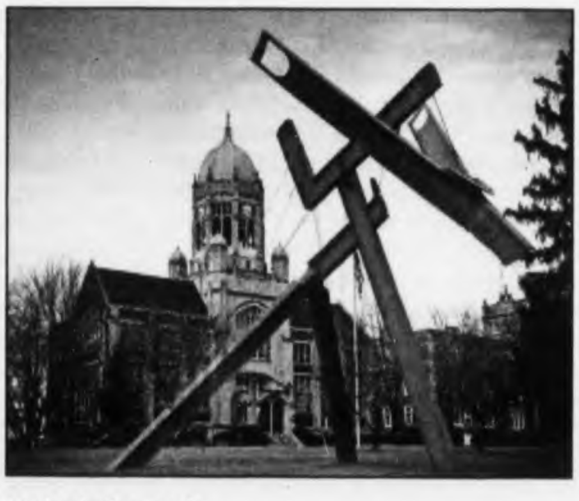
Muhlenberg won with a score of 386.

The detail behind Victor's Lament

Cassie Berwick
News Writer

Giant, red, and in your face. What is this massive sculpture found on the front lawn at Muhlenberg College? Some speculate that it looks like a reindeer and others think it's a three-legged dog. Almost everyone who has seen Victor's Lament has a theory about what it is, what it stands for, and why it's here. These questions seem to have people making assumptions, which in reality brings more attention to the sculpture than some "haters" would like. Basically, bad gossip is good gossip: it constantly generates attention.

Abstract expressionist Mark di Suvero is the creator of this 28-feet-tall steel I-beam structure. His sculptures move beyond traditional materials like wood and explore more progressive and modern materials like steel. He even uses cranes, pulleys, and lifts to get to the basic engineering of its assembly. Di Suvero once worked in construction, but was severely injured in a freight elevator accident, at which point he began to focus on sculpture. Could this mishap be an influence on his steel sculptures? Is he trying to express his frustrations about what could happen with modern elements?



Victor's Lament.

Photo Courtesy of google images

The post-World War II art movement, abstract expressionism, conveys rebellious emotions of the artist through basic color, shapes, and forms. To the casual observer, it is difficult to understand what it might be conveying, but with some research one could figure out what is trying to be expressed. This is exactly what we see with Victor's Lament. Di Suvero's intentions were to incorporate motion mixed with nature to create the elements of abstract expressionism. The large-scale structures draw you in and make you question what is represented, but this can also be ominous and uninviting for the same reasons. Victor's Lament is one in a series

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We Like Sports

Over the last few weeks, the sports teams at the College have gone on a winning streak.

The women's basketball team won the Centennial Conference championship against John's Hopkins, sending them straight through to the NCAA Division III tournament. They are the first team in College athletic history to reach the NCAA tournament five seasons in a row. Both Spencer Liddic and Alexandra Chili have earned first-team All-Centennial Conference honors this past season and were named second-team Academic All-Americans last week (only the seventh pair in College history to do so!). Also, Spencer Liddic and Alexandra Chili were nominated for the Josten's Trophy (look for more information in Sports). Wrestlers Kevin Homan and John Sternlicht placed fourth in the Centennial Conference, and the baseball team has won their first three games.

At a Division III college there is usually little recognition for good sports. However, we think our sports deserve our support, especially when they are doing so well. We are proud to have amazing athletes, who somehow manage to balance playing sports and school work, a feat definitely not everyone can do, represent the College.

As a campus we need to make the athletes more aware of our support and go to the games to cheer on our classmates. On our close knit campus every activity counts and none should go unnoticed. Even the sports teams which are not official, such as rugby and ultimate frisbee - not to mention Quidditch - deserve recognition for their hard work and perseverance.

Be sure to keep an eye on the Sports section of the paper to stay updated on the teams. On behalf of the entire campus we want to wish all teams best of luck on the their seasons an in the championships.

The War On Logic

By Ian Hassan
Op/Ed Writer

It sounds like the tag-line for the reboot of *21 Jump Street*: young cops go undercover and get high school kids to sell them illegal drugs. Only this isn't a comedic film; this is real life, and this is sick.

"Last year in three high schools in Florida, several undercover police officers posed as students. The undercover cops went to classes, became Facebook friends and flirted with the other students. One 18-year-old honor student named Justin fell in love with an attractive 25-year-old undercover cop after spending weeks sharing stories about their lives, texting and flirting with each other.

One day she asked Justin if he smoked pot. Even though he didn't smoke marijuana, the love-struck teen promised to help find some for her. Every couple of days she would text him asking if he had the marijuana. Finally, Justin was able to get it to her. She tried to give him $25 for the marijuana and he said he didn't want the money -- he got it for her as a present.

A short while later, the police did a big sweep and arrest 31 students -- including Justin. Almost all were charged with selling a small amount of marijuana to the undercover cops. Now Justin has a felony hanging over his head." (Source: alternet.org)

Marijuana use is and has been a very controversial and hot-button issue as of late, which only serves to make this story all the more intriguing. But let's rewind for a moment to the part where this young man, Justin, had his future college and career(s) put in jeopardy or even ruined completely. He was an honor student, simply minding his own business, probably musing what colleges he was going to apply to and what he was going to do with his future. In comes the good, old "War on Drugs" like a tornado onto a peaceful blue-skied day and causes a black spot to appear, a potential disease on his previously pristine hopes and dreams.

Justin wasn't even a drug user; the only reason he was later arrested was because he was a normal teenage boy with a normal schoolboy crush. Apparently this is illegal now in America, where your schoolmates might not be students at all, but undercover policemen who, instead of patrolling the streets for real crimes like robberies, muggings, etc., patrol the hallways of high schools for innocent, gullible students who might not even be drug users themselves. Yes, real crimes. Real crimes to me are things that endanger the welfare of many. I don't think that small amounts of marijuana are going to hurt anybody. As far as I know, there hasn't been even one documented case of a marijuana overdose killing someone.

But let's be real about this. Why are law enforcers resorting to such slimy and underhanded approaches to such a crime? Is this really what we've come to? You might as well trick someone to fall in love with you and see if they can find you a nuclear bomb; maybe then it would be acceptable (if they did indeed acquire one),

Language Is *Like* Really *Like* Important

By Ryan Lee
Op/Ed Editor

I have a theory about the modern generation of which I am a part: as a whole, people couldn't possibly care any less about the sanctity and reverence of language.

"I'm *like* so happy that *like* I got *like* an A on my last *like* test, but I'm hoping that *like* I do better next time *like*...you know?"

Now, in this case, this is less a matter of grammar or vocabulary than a matter of destroying the language itself. When I hear a sentence like that, I have no idea what the speaker is trying to say. I can only focus on the superfluous *like* that pervades the sentence. Overuse of any word can completely obscure meaning, especially when that word does not remotely serve the desired meaning of the thought.

"*Your* awesome."

"Let's go have dinner *than* go do homework."

I have lots of friends and acquaintances who say, "If you can understand what the person is trying to say, the spelling and grammar doesn't matter."

Despite the fact that that sentence has a blatant error in it (let's see if you can tell what the error is!), it is only slightly true. Clarity is a vital part of speech; incorrectness and vagueness of speech is a tremendous detriment.

OH MY G-D, WHAT A BORING TOPIC! I'm sure a lot of you are espousing. *I THOUGHT I WAS FINISHED WITH GRAMMAR AND VOCAB WHEN I LEFT MIDDLE SCHOOL!*

Those of you who are thinking this have a valid point. Grammar and vocabulary are, for the most part, pretty dry and boring. We don't really *have* to worry about how we sound if all of our peers sound just as uneducated and misinformed as we do.

"Overuse of any word can completely obscure meaning, especially when that word does not remotely serve the desired meaning of the thought."

Let me put it to you another way so that you have a clear vision of my complaint. Because language has taken a back seat to laziness—yes, a lack of concern for how you sound and how you write is indeed laziness, despite your reticence to admit it—so many people have lost the ability to express themselves accurately.

"What's up?"

Nothing.

"How you doing?"

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South Sudan's struggles

By Evan I. Lovas
Op/Ed Writer

The Republic of South Sudan is a landlocked country is North Africa. It is the 193rd country to join the United Nations and is the world's newest sovereign state. While the South Sudanese have been celebrating their newfound independence from their northern neighbor, Sudan, they have been quick to find that independence is not the panacea that they had hoped for. To wit, South Sudan is the site of a growing human tragedy. It is one of the poorest and most underdeveloped countries in the world and its indicators of human development are abject, to be sure. Recent data from South Sudan's National Bureau of Statistics puts the literacy rate at 27%. As well, 51% of the population lives below the poverty line and the maternal mortality rate is 2054 per 100,000 live births. Moreover, South Sudan has recently been marked by episodes of ethnic conflict. This January disputes over cattle rustling became violent and lead to the death of over 3,000 people and the displacement of 50,000 more.

South Sudan flag.

Photo by Google Images

Despite what has been said, it is not merely internal difficulties that doggedly nip at the nascent heels of the newly independent country. Relations with its mother country were poor even prior to separation and are worse now due to a row over rights to oil fields along the newly demarcated border, among other things. Last November, South Sudan President Salva Kiir Mayardit accused Sudan of planning a war and invasion. In addition, there is the plight of South Sudanese living in Sudan. Southerners have long been looked down upon in the northern parts of Sudan, such as in the capital city of Khartoum, but since separation last July the enmity and hostility that southerners face has grown ever worse. Starting this April, the government of Sudan has stated that it will strip South Sudanese living in the north of citizenship, which means expulsion for those southerners living in the country unless they obtain proper visas and working permits. Your correspondent recently read an article in the New York Times that told the story of one Ms. Mary Nyekueh Ley, a southerner living in the city of Omdurman which is just outside Khartoum. A peddler of alcohol in an Islamic country, she has faced harsh penalties for trying to eke out a living in an unforgiving place. Her story highlights the human tragedy of South Sudan and its mother country.

A Brief Discussion on US Foreign Policy

BY ADAM NEUFELD
OP/ED WRITER

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1990 and the attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001, the international system has drastically changed.

When the Iron Curtain fell, the United States—champions of neoliberal economics and capitalism—emerged on paper as the new global hegemon. However, even though winning the Cold War was an immaculate feat, new problems have emerged over the past few decades. Although the United States has immensely profited from globalization, it has also, at the same time, lost its foothold as a unimodal power. With the emergence of technological growth flattening the world, the world is more interconnected and dependent on one another than ever before. Due to the close relations between both rich and poor countries, a future world war appears highly improbable and would present itself as both a moral and economic disaster worldwide.

The United States has learned that it is easy to win a war with nuclear weapons, but it much more costly, time-consuming, and problematic to win peace abroad. Prior to the interconnectedness associated with the end of WWII and the eventual creation of international governing and peace organizations (GATT/WTO, United Nations, World Bank, and IMF), the United States was able to economically and militarily isolate itself and adhere to principles designed and enforced by the Monroe Doctrine. However, due to these new problems outlined by globalization, the United States is no longer able to bully and manipulate the international stage by using the aforementioned organizations to impose different types of sanctions and trade embargos on potentially threatening countries.

By plaguing the world with Stockholm Syndrome for decades, the United States immerged as the "big cheese," but empathy and blind acceptance from other foreign countries was short-lived, and did not even last as long as many had originally thought. Unfortunately, the United States has made many enemies in both the Islamic, Communist, Socialist and developing world. As these countries have developed and earned their own powerful and self-directed voice, the United States has lost its capacity to rule and manipulate the globe with an iron fist (ie. BRIC countries and walking out in Cancun at recent trade talks) like it has in the past. Besides the exponentially increasing costs associated to military expenditure, the United States government is in extreme debt.

Coming to a realistic conclusion, the United States has made numerous international treaties, alliances, and pacts to try and lighten both the economic and military load. However, such countries have not followed the lead of the United States government and have instead listened to a more removed and distant drummer listening to its own self-directed tune. The greatest struggles present in the world today are tied to terrorism and international trade.

Terrorist attacks, market hiccups, and losses within international markets are felt around the entire world. One quote explains that in the past if the United States sneezed, the entire world caught a cold, but today the world can be shocked by the fall of the Euro or trade retaliation imposed by the Mexican government in response to the United States imposing tariffs on certain goods (truck drivers and teamsters union) (American Foreign Policy, Witkoff). Unfortunately, unlike at the end of WWII, the United States does not hold a majority of the world's money and gold. Responsibility is now shared and, again, unfortunately, such responsibility is not shared peacefully due to extreme differences within international ideologies related to military, cultural, and political beliefs.

Express Yourself!!

Write an Op/Ed

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Good.

How often do you hear a variety in the responses to those questions? How many people do you know who respond differently? If everybody responds the same way, without thinking, then those questions mean nothing at all. They lose their validity. Why even ask them?

In regard to writing, in order for a written work to be taken seriously, it must be specific. Unlike what we were taught in middle school and high school, though, specificity does not mean the amount of flowery detail that we inject into the piece. No. Rather, as Professor Linda Miller of the English department told me a few weeks ago, "Specificity has nothing to do with detail; it has to do with how far away from or how close to the object that you are describing you are." Inherent in that statement, of course, is detail, but there are varying degrees of detail that must be included, depending upon the message that you are trying to get across to your reader. If one does not have a firm grasp of language, s/he simply cannot be sufficiently specific. It is impossible.

Among college students like us, I attribute a great deal of "drama," to which so many people refer on a daily basis, to this failure to develop spoken speech skills. It is very common for people not to realize the power of language, and so they speak without due consideration of what they are saying. Words must be chosen very carefully; they cannot simply be espoused randomly. Boyfriends and girlfriends break up because of differing interpretations of a single word or phrase! Is that a question of ignorance of language?

I think that language is a mark of intelligence in many ways, although I will admit that there are many people with poor grammar who are very bright, and vice versa. I believe that those people who, like me, want a more direct correlation between their thoughts and their words will develop an interest in learning vocabulary and grammar to adequately say what they're thinking. What I mean by that is that when you have a thought in your mind, you want the most sophisticated, most appropriate words you know in order to make your words as close in meaning to the original thought as possible. Normal, everyday words often do not suffice. The stresses must be on the correct words, too, as stressing the wrong word can change the entire meaning of the sentence. This relates back to the question of grammar and punctuation, for they additionally change the whole meaning of the sentence.

"The bear eats shutes and leaves" is far different from "The bear eats, shoots, and leaves." In spoken words, the only difference between the two is a pause after "eats." That pause, however, changes the whole meaning from a bear who is eating shutes and leaves to a homicidal bear who presumably is robbing a restaurant!

I firmly advocate for people to take a greater interest in their clarity of speech and writing, since I think that it would eliminate a lot of the world's problems of vagueness and misunderstandings.

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 20 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of found items including a set of keys, a chain, and a watch. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 20 – Suspicious Person – In Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of suspicious individuals sitting in a parked vehicle. The individuals were spoken to and identified. The individuals were asked to leave the area. There was no further incident.

Feb. 20 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 20 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2208 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 21 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Village fire lane, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. A truck backed up onto a boulder causing minor scrapes on the bottom of the vehicle. The truck was removed from the boulder with assistance from a Campus Safety officer. The boulder was moved about one foot from the original position.

Feb. 21 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, basement, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 21 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At the Keck House, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 22 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found backpack. The owner later claimed the item.

Feb. 22 – Institutional Vandalism – At 414 Albright St., there was a report of vandalism. A window was broken and damage was found to exterior doors. Plant Operations were notified to repair the damage. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 22 – Point of Information – On campus, there was a report to issue No Contact letters to students. The individuals were found and the letters were issued.

Feb. 22 – Injured Student – In Trexler Pavilion, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 22 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a found student ID card. An email was sent to the student to pick up the ID card at the Campus Safety office.

Feb. 22 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At Phi Kappa Tau, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon officers' arrival, no cause of the alarm could be found. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 23 – Motor Vehicle Theft (Auto) – On Liberty St., there was a report of theft from a vehicle. The doors of the vehicle were removed. Allentown Police Department responded. The owner was contacted and responded to the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 23 – Sick Student – At 2267 Turner St. (building #4, first floor), there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 23 – Sick Employee – In Moyer, second floor, there was a report of a sick employee. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the employee to their residence.

Feb. 23 – Suspicious Person – In East Hall (G Hall, first floor), the campus community should know that the Department of Campus Safety received a report of a suspicious person. The suspect was seen in the area of East Hall. The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 50 years of age, grey hair, and a large build. The suspect was wearing black pants and a dark colored jacket and shirt. If you should see anyone fitting this description, please call Campus Safety immediately at 484-664-3110. The Department of Campus Safety urges the community to be alert and take steps to protect yourselves. One step to protect yourself is to use a buddy system when you go out with friends, agree to keep an eye on one another and to go home together. Never walk home alone and always walk in groups. Know your surroundings and always walk in well-lit areas. Report immediately any suspicious persons or activity to Campus Safety.

Feb. 23 – Sick Student – At 2267 Turner St. (building #4, first floor), there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 23 – Institutional Vandalism – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of vandalism. An unknown person sprayed shaving cream in the hallway. Housekeeping was notified to clean the area.

Feb. 25 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found watch. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The watch was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 25 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found cell phone and diabetic tester. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. The individuals were identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety officer discarded of the alcohol. The individuals were identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. Allentown Fire Department responded as well. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 26 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety took the alcohol and emptied it. Also noted in the room were reports of possession of drug paraphernalia and a fire safety violation (a candle). The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 26 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Feb. 26 – Unauthorized Person/People (Social Code Violation) – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an unauthorized person. A non-student individual was identified, spoken to, and issued a letter of No Trespass. The students involved were issued letters of No Contact. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 26 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. The individual was found and spoken to. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Feb. 26 – Hit and Run – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a hit and run to a vehicle causing damage to the driver's side rear view mirror. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Feb. 26 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Feb. 26 – Vandalism to Vehicle – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. The passenger's side mirror was ripped off of the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Feb. 26 – Lost Property – On the front drive, there was a report of a lost ring.

Feb. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

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Theta Nu Xi becomes a fully recognized chapter

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

This month, the College chapter of Theta Nu Xi successfully completed its colonization requirements and became a fully recognized sorority chapter. The chapter of Theta Nu Xi was founded on April 27, 2003 in Allentown, PA. As the former president, Anvi Patel, said, "Initially, we were not a part of Muhlenberg; rather, we were a citywide chapter". Further Anvi Patel comments on why Theta Nu Xi was brought to the College: "The Rho Chapter was established by five Muhlenberg ladies. Founding Sister Boydston was the first to begin the search for an organization that was based on acceptance and integration, one that looked beyond difference and embraced diversity. In order to expand her own experiences and learn more about herself and others, Founding Sister Boydston searched for a powerful, hardworking, loving sisterhood committed to a greater cause: Multiculturalism. She found Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. Founding Sister Kramer wanted an all-encompassing organization that embodied leadership, multiculturalism, sisterhood, and scholarship in addition to service. Founding Sister Villegas wanted to leave a legacy. Founding Sister Lundy hoped to extend her volunteerism and tutoring to impact and help diversity grow on campus. Although Founding Sister Liciaga had served in leadership positions on Student Council and in other organizations, she still searched for an effective way to promote diversity and overcome her personal experiences with racism. Together, these women felt that Theta Nu Xi embodied the vision that they had for a sisterhood."

The sisters of Theta Nu Xi.
Photo courtesy of http://thetanuxirho.webs.com/

In 2010 the College decided to open up their Greek community to Theta Nu Xi, which meant that the chapter would become a colony and have to go through the colonization process to become a fully recognized sorority on campus. The chartering process takes a minimum of one year, and there are many requirements to fulfill to become a fully recognized chapter. Patel comments on the colonization process: "Some of these requirements are part of the Annual Review process that the College has for all Greek life on campus, which include maintaining an average GPA above the independent men's or women's GPA, conducting a certain amount of community service hours, and hosting programs about things such as leadership, self-development, and alcohol education. The process was slightly challenging but it is great to be in an organization full of dedicated sisters who believe in the mission of the sorority and want to work hard to get full chapter membership." On Feb. 10. Theta Nu Xi officially completed the colonization process and became a fully recognized chapter at the College. When Patel was asked how the chapter would change now that it is fully recognized on campus she responded by saying, "We don't think the chapter will change because we will continue to strive to promote our motto and mission. We do hope, however, to be much more proactive on campus."

Moreover, Patel comments on the fundraising that Theta Nu Xi does: "Theta Nu Xi's national philanthropy is Girls For a Change (GFC), an organization that works on a national level to inspire young girls to initiate change within their communities through things such as leadership conferences. We do one fundraiser per semester to raise money to donate to GFC. Members of our chapter also volunteer for programs at home or in Allentown, such as Bike Works and Shape It Up. Because multiculturalism is a central aspect of our organization, we make it our duty to try to be leaders within our community by constantly bringing up conversations about diversity and social justice. This is also accomplished through the programs that we host and co-sponsor, such as Pass the Plate: The World Wrapped Up, Who Killed Vincent Chin?, and a screening and discussion of *The Blue-Eyed/ Brown-Eyed Project*. We are constantly engaged in educating ourselves and others about issues of multiculturalism through the classes we take and the events we attend and host."

On the Theta Nu Xi's website for the chapter at the College (http://thetanuxirho.webs.com/) has more information about the sorority. According to their website, their motto, "Sisters of diversity together as ONE" and their mission, "To promote leadership, multiculturalism, and self-improvement through academic excellence, involvement in and service to the campus and community, as well as being living examples of sisterhood across different races, cultures, religions, backgrounds, and lifestyles." The Theta Nu Xi website also states the tenets, "Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, Leadership, Multiculturalism" and their objectives, "To incorporate separate cultures into one life, to build self-esteem through sisterhood, to participate in service activities, especially those concerning diversity in the community, to encourage academic excellence and overall self-improvement, to promote unity among Greek organizations."

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that depict di Suvero's protests against and anxieties about the Vietnam War. He even exiled himself to France in the 1970s to escape the "sick society" he felt he was involved in. No one seems to know what the name "Victor's Lament" stands for but, with this context, it could signify someone's pain or suffering in regards to war.

In 1970 this complex pulley system and steel beam sculpture was completed in the parking lot of a museum in Pasadena, CA. Since then it has traveled a few times. It temporarily stood in a New York City park but then moved back to di Suvero's 60-acre ranch in Petaluma, CA, where it was situated next to an extinct volcano. Its original color was black, but the metal needed a special anti-oxidizing cardinal/Buddhist red to be protected against weathering that would naturally bring rust. People associated with Muhlenberg might be surprised to learn that this change was not intended to match the red front doors of our campus. Art critics suggest that di Suvero would have painted it this color but couldn't afford it, and in actuality this is an unfinished sculpture.

So how did it get to Muhlenberg? In the mid-1970s, a committee including then 'Berg president, John Morey, asked a federal agency to help fund it. The $63,500 purchase was transported to Allentown and it made its inaugural appearance on the front lawn in April of 1979. Originally, students did not like this bulky investment and complained that it "interrupted their Frisbee." Today, opinions may have changed. A senior student at Muhlenberg remarks that she "can't imagine the front lawn without it, and it has become a staple of our campus." Victor's Lament's meaning is unclear, but one thing is for certain: it has become a landmark of the campus.

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Weekly Sudoku

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Weekend Weather

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Weekly Through the Ages

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY/NEWS

Weintraub leaves Muhlenberg; Accepts art directorship at Bard

by Valarie Basheda

In a move that surprised and shocked many in the Muhlenberg community, Linda Weintraub will be leaving March 1st to accept a position at Bard College in upstate New York. As director of the Center for the Arts gallery for three years, Weintraub has been known for her different, unusual, and always interesting shows.

Her sudden departure is a necessity in order for her to acquire her new position as Director of the Edith C. Blum Art Institute. The move is not a breach of contract; she and the administrators worked out a compromise. No replacement has yet been chosen.

The new position appears tailor-made for Weintraub. The position itself is a substantial promotion, but other factors came into play. The environment at Bard is totally different from Muhlenberg.

Although it is also a small liberal arts college, the emphasis at Bard is on the arts. The school has 14 art professors in its faculty and the avant-garde is encouraged. Because of this emphasis, the faculty and students have an established knowledge of art.

Weintraub expressed similar feelings, when she said, "Bard has an environment that I want to be in. The country is beautiful, less developed in industry than Allentown. The people are more cultured because most of them have had more exposure to New York City. I will be surrounded by people who love the same things I do, art and music."

Weintraub has no regrets about her Muhlenberg career: "They took two chances with me. They gave me the opportunity to teach when I was fresh out of graduate school." She remained a part-time faculty member for seven years. Then in 1979 they took the second chance by making her director of the gallery. She had no prior gallery experience, especially in the administrative end. Weintraub feels very lucky.

"I will be forever grateful to Muhlenberg. They gave me a chance to develop my potentials and skills when I was limited in my activities because of my husband and children."

The director's position involved much more than most people probably realize.

"It's all very exciting," Weintraub said. "Half of the work was forming ideas for the shows." To do this, she would read magazines and attend shows to keep abreast of new trends. After this she had to make contacts, arrange transportation, get publicity, insure the art, and much more.

Criticism and success have both accompanied Weintraub's shows. Her most recent triumph was the Russian festival. Criticism has often stemmed from her more unusual shows. Weintraub defended herself by explaining how she kept the Allentown audience in mind.

"I structured the shows in order to surprise and broaden people's tastes. When people haven't been exposed to different forms they think of art in narrow terms."

She thanked Dr. Morey for his support of her work. "He has always been interested and supportive in all my projects. He has been vocal in his opinion in what he likes and doesn't like but he never tried to censor me."

Yet she was dissatisfied with the faculty and student support. Despite the outside reputation of the gallery, Weintraub expressed that few people

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Weekly Photo

Dean of Students James Bryan responds to questions concerning the underground newspaper.

Muhlenberg's underground paper folds; Identities of staff members revealed

by Jill Kerr

After a mere four weeks of circulation, *The Dick,* Muhlenberg's only underground newspaper, has folded.

With the revealing of the identities of four anonymous staff members, a halt came to the presses which turned out the four page, weekly publication. Since *The Dick* first appeared at random drop off points around campus, there has been a great deal of speculation as to the forces behind this publication.

As a result of the outrage created by the contents of the last issue, "The anonymity has been cracked," said Jonathon Crossette, a Muhlenberg senior.

The four staff members of *The Dick* were revealed when an offended student whose name appeared in the publication was approached by one of the staff members, who offered an apology. With the apology, he revealed the names of the three other students involved.

After this revelation, the offended student took the names of those involved to the Dean of Students and disclosed their identities to *Weekly* sources, as well. The four students involved are Ed Chaban, Tim Kutz, Charles Pierson, and Gregg Weidner.

A source from the staff of *The Dick* explained *"The Dick* was always intended as a lampoon of Muhlenberg campus—sort of a good-natured poke in the ribs. Unfortunately certain individuals took offense in certain items."

"Originally some people were behind *The Dick*. Everyone involved thought people here would see it as a joke," he added.

The Dick source continued that "the person who disclosed the names was on the staff."

The article in question was a poorly written contribution that people on the staff rewrote," the *Dick* source explained. "It's slightly ironic that they got burned for something they didn't actually write."

"When you're doing something like that and one person thinks

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CCSA questions Morey's veto power; Fears weakening of organization's impact

by Cathi M. Bernecker

The point of CCSA and its power being imposed upon by President Morey's decisions, has become a major student-college conflict within the last few weeks. Starting with the *Deep Throat* film issue, CCSA was overridden by President Morey and the film was not permitted to be shown.

As Lisa Ganzhorn said, "The question is how much say the students have and not the question of *Deep Throat* being shown." But CCSA has continued to basically do what it has always done except they just go through the motions.

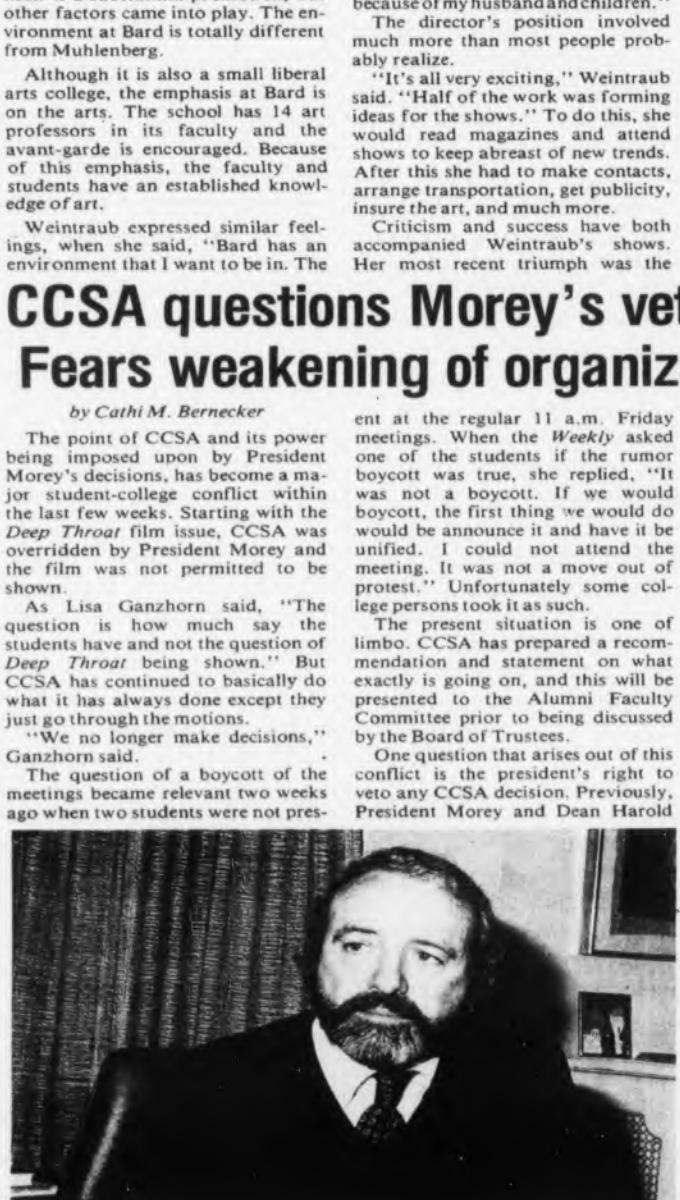
"We no longer make decisions," Ganzhorn said.

The question of a boycott of the meetings became relevant two weeks ago when two students were not present at the regular 11 a.m. Friday meetings. When the *Weekly* asked one of the students if the rumor boycott was true, she replied, "It was not a boycott. If we would boycott, the first thing we would do would be announce it and have it be unified. I could not attend the meeting. It was not a move out of protest." Unfortunately some college persons took it as such.

The present situation is one of limbo. CCSA has prepared a recommendation and statement on what exactly is going on, and this will be presented to the Alumni Faculty Committee prior to being discussed by the Board of Trustees.

One question that arises out of this conflict is the president's right to veto any CCSA decision. Previously, President Morey and Dean Harold Stenger both sat on CCSA, but no longer are able to.

Muhlenberg College will have to wait until the March 1st meeting of the Alumni Faculty Committee to get a final policy-decision.



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Dean of Admissions George Gibbs says the class of 1985 is up to par academically.

GPA's oppose rumors of academic trouble

by Louanne Wirth

The rumors began when it was believed that many of the male freshmen couldn't receive fraternity bids because of poor GPA's.

The reason for the rumors stem from the assumption that quite a number of freshmen males were below a GPA of 1.8. A 1.8 or higher GPA is necessary for a bid from any fraternity.

"It just snowballed from there," said George Gibbs, Dean of Freshmen. "As far as I'm concerned there is no truth to the rumor that the class of '85 is in academic trouble."

"What we're dealing with here are 3 or 4 hundredths of a point difference in overall class GPA's," said Gibbs. According to his records, the best fall freshman GPA in the last 12 years was 2.69, achieved by the freshmen of 1975.

This year's freshman class GPA was 2.54, only 3 hundredths of a point less than 1980's class (2.57) and 3 hundredths greater than 1979's class (2.51).

Bill O'Shaughnessy, President of Muhlenberg's Fraternity Council stated in the *Weekly* (Feb. 5) that according to his calculations 25% of the male freshmen were rejected because of their low GPA's.

Upon investigation with Dale LeCount, Dean of Educational Services, it was found that only 17% or 35 of 201 male students were below a 1.8 GPA this year.

LeCount said "I doubt seriously that it [the class of '85] is any different from past years."

Dr. Charles Mortimer, the Head of the Chemistry Department, teaches General Chemistry to a large number of freshmen. He said, "I see no dramatic difference between grades this year in comparison to those in past years. There are variations with every class and this year's class is within those limits."

Fiesta discusses legal birth

by Timothy Kutz

The Coffee and Fellowship lecture series, "Fooling Around With Mother Nature: Ethical Issues at the Beginning of Life," concluded on February 17 with a speech by Janine Fiesta, Director of Risk Management at Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital.

Speaking on, "New Legal Perspectives on the Beginning of Life," Fiesta focused on past judicial decisions on the subject as well as some predictions about what to look for in the future.

Fiesta pointed out that the law is not meant to be a system of ethics. In essence, what the law does, according to Fiesta, is to, "state what we can get away with." The law should be considered as a set of minimal standards for our behavior.

It is also important to understand that the law is often not black and white when it comes to ethical issues concerning the beginning of life. Court decisions are made on particular cases and sets of data and are often not generalizable to other similar cases.

As an example of the greyness of the law, Fiesta cited cases involving patients who refuse medical treatment, many times for religious reasons. In the past, for example, Jehovah's Witnesses or Christian Scientists could deny themselves medical treatment. But Fiesta pointed out some cases where such people were treated against their will, as in a case where a woman is pregnant and denying treatment would endanger her child. Fiesta used these examples to state, "Issues that were decided are changing."

Fiesta went on to list a variety of situations to which the law and the courts have not addressed themselves, as in the practice of amniocentesis, a fetal diagnostic test in wide use today. Questions such as when should the doctor recommend the test or what happens if the test is misdiagnosed, etc., have not been asked in the legal framework.

Fiesta also said that the whole issue of using surrogate mothers has not been addressed by the legal

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WEEKLY Life!

"Vacations are necessities, not luxuries."

- Linda Bloom

Alumni Spotlight

Brian Fishbone

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

1) When did you graduate? What were your majors/minors?

I graduated in 1998, and I was a double major in Business and Spanish. Dr. Joan Marx and I are still friends today, 14 years later!

2) Do you plan on going back to school to get an advanced degree? If yes, in what?

I already have one! I got my MBA in Human Resource Management from Temple University in Philadelphia.

3) What activities were you involved with on campus?

I was very busy on campus! I was the Campus Delegates' coordinator in the Admissions Department (shout out to Bonnie Reabold!), vice president of Finance for Hillel, a Writing Center tutor, Secretary of MAC, and a tour guide.

4) What do you miss most about being on campus?

I miss university life! I love that all that was expected of me was to grow as a scholar and leader.

5) Is there something you appreciate about Muhlenberg now that you are no longer a student?

Sure! 'Berg grows with you as an alumnus; I have met so many interesting 'Berg grads through my volunteer leadership in the Philadelphia Alumni Club and on the Alumni Board.

6) Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?

Get involved in as many activities as possible - school is so much more than studying!

7) What is your current job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.

I have enjoyed a 10+ year career in corporate training. I am currently an instructional designer who develops diversity and leadership training for Vanguard, a financial services company based in Valley Forge, PA. I am also an adjunct professor who teaches business ethics and organizational communication at Temple.

8) What has been your biggest accomplishment, in your work or personal life, since graduating from Muhlenberg?

Definitely living abroad in South Korea for a year with my partner Jon. We taught English to adult students and traveled throughout Asia.

9) What is your commute like?

Long! It's a three-hour round trip each day, but I take the train, and I work from home on Thursdays. Vanguard is a very flexible company!

Fishbone taught English while living abroad in South Korea

Photo Courtesy of Brian Fishbone

10) What was the transition like from being a student to working full time?

It was long ago, but it was rough at first. It's hard to leave "home" (read: 'Berg), but I adjusted. Also, you have to adjust from being a full-time student who speaks his mind whenever he feels like it to working adult who sometimes just has to keep his mouth shut!

11) What are some tips you would give to students looking for jobs?

Get connected! Network as much as possible with alums. Start with me - join my LinkedIn network at www.linkedin.com/in/brianfishbone.

12) How do you stay connected to Muhlenberg?

In many ways! These days, I mostly give presentations for the Career Center (shout out to Cailin!). I just gave the closing inspirational speech at Reality MC in January.

Along the Eastern Road: Hiroshige's Fifty-three Stations of the Tokaido

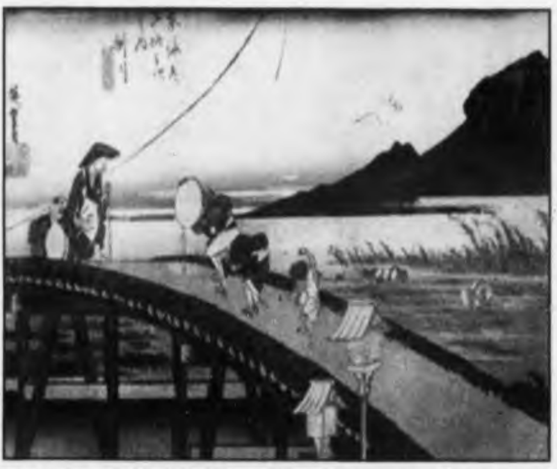
By Kathy Burke
Exhibitions and Collections Manager

This spring, the Martin Art Gallery proudly presents "Along the Eastern Road: The Fifty-three Stations of the Tokaido," a comprehensive exhibition, from Mar. 14 - Mar. 18. This exhibiton features 55 color wood-block prints by master Japanese printmaker Utagawa Hiroshige (1797-1858). The historic Tokaido Road linked Edo (now Tokyo) with Kyoto, the ancient imperial capital of Japan. In 1832, Hiroshige, having trained in the tradition of the ukiyo-e (floating world) wood-block print making, journeyed along the entire Tokaido route. He visited each of the fifty-three towns and villages—stations—that provided lodging, refreshments, and souvenirs for the steady traffic of merchants, religious pilgrims, and tourists. While staying at these overnight stops, Hiroshige carefully recorded numerous views of each town and the surrounding landscape, as well as the people.

Hiroshige's Fifty-three Stations of the Tokaido Road, first published in 1833-1834, became a popular series that established his reputation as the foremost artist of the topographical landscape in Japan at that time. The landscape genre developed late in the ukiyo-e period and had been greatly influenced by the color wood-block prints of another well known Japanese artist, Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849).

During the last decades of the 19th century, Europeans were first introduced to Japanese woodblock prints in large quantities. Many artists of that period, including Mary Cassatt, Vincent Van Gogh, and Toulouse Lautrec were highly influenced by the distinctly different style and exquisite craftsmanship. The influences of flat spatial relationships, asymmetry, and emphasis on diagonal composition became, and remain, part of the vernacular of visual artists world-wide. This exhibition was organized by the Reading Public Museum in Reading, PA.

A reception to celebrate and enjoy these masterworks will be held Wed., Mar. 14, 4:30 – 6 pm in the Gallery. A wood-block printmaking demonstration by visiting artist Katie Baldwin will be held Thurs., Mar. 29, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. All Martin Art Gallery events and programs are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon – 8:00 pm; other hours by appointment. The gallery is closed during semester breaks and holidays.



Twenty-sixth Station: Kagegawa, c. 1833-34, from Fifty-three Stations of the Tokaido Road

Photo Courtesy of Reading Public Museum

The Panda Girl

Dear Panda Girl -

I hear a lot of people talking about amazing plans for spring break. Vacations, road trips, adventures. I'm not doing anything fun, just going home. Any advice for a jealous friend looking at nothing but a week of putting up with their parents and younger sisters?

- Staycations Suck

Dear Staycation -

This glorious week off will be exactly what you make of it. If you sit around all week feeling sorry for yourself, it's going to be a long seven days. Make smaller, more productive plans for your break. Take a day or two to just decompress from the midterm madness, then try and get some stuff done. Maybe put in a few shifts at your old summer job. Or contact that family you used to babysit, see if they would like a night out. Contact some old high-school friends and reconnect over pizza and a movie. Take care of any projects at home, like cleaning out that old junk drawer or reorganizing your clothes. College really changes how you live, so do you really need all those clothes? Donate some old ones to Good Will. Give back to the community and volunteer at a food bank, soup kitchen, or SPCA. Catch up on that book you've been dying to read. If the weather stays as nice as it has been the past few days, go outside and enjoy the freedom. Gather some buds and play some soccer or Frisbee. Get out your old bike and take it for a spin. Go fishing. A great spring break doesn't have to involve beaches and binge drinking. Take a little me-time to just chill out with some tunes and a bed that is much better than the extra long twin bricks we sleep on here. Check your local paper for events, maybe hit up a concert or sporting event.

In short, it's all about perspective and initiative. Instead of wallowing in jealous woe, take charge of your free time. You'll feel a lot better at the end of the week when you look back on what you've accomplished beyond getting potato chip grease on your keyboard. And when your friends come back from Cancun with empty wallets and hangovers, you'll see that staycations aren't that terrible after all.

Best,
The Panda Girl
Send your letters to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or to Box 2072

Seegers Couches

A scene study

By Hannah Oros
Life Writer

Java Joes is finally closed at 8:17. The sound behind the closed doors abruptly stops and the last employee leaves quickly. The Seegers couches are a chilly place, drafts come from the large glass windows and the ceaseless opening of doors. Of course, the doors are held open for far longer than anywhere outside of Muhlenberg – not holding open the door for someone here is a grave offense.

There are three groups of girls and a lone guy. He sits at a long table, working hurriedly; no doubt a deadline is approaching too quickly. He buries his head in his hands, keeping himself awake by propping his head up at other times. Dressed in all gray, he writes and types and looks at his watch, holding a green highlighter in one hand. His friend joins him, they have a brief conversation, and then they snap back to reality and it's back to work for both of them. A culture of commiseration and frustration hangs over the tables with work that has to be done at always the wrong time.

Conversations change into Muhlendrama – a hushed conversation suddenly gets louder as the drama escalates in a story that a blonde student is telling. "Sorry! You broke her heart!" she yells. Realizing her voice is suddenly much louder, her conversation becomes close to silent as another voice dominates the area, shouting "Harry Potter? I love Harry Potter!," amid laughter.

The litter throughout Seegers becomes apparent as the conversations wind down. There are dirty napkins, cups, and apples strewn over tables and the ground. Little flyers stick out from underneath the couches. The couches are a green-gray that can't decide if they're vomit-colored or pastels. The more one looks at the carpet, the uglier it gets. There are squares of striped fabric with navy, red, and mustard yellow splotches. The blonde girl's voice becomes louder again with a tone that asks for help: "This is my fault!"

The darkness obscures the snow, except for underneath the golden-orange globes of light. The snow is a break from the stress for a short moment, as everyone glances outside and imagines the silence of snowfall. The respite in noise never lasts, as people flood through the hallway, opening doors, shouting to friends that are yards away.

Shouting and laughter between friends drift over from the information desk. Students' attention diverts over to their conversation for a few seconds and then the previous conversation resumes. The energy doesn't waver. The smell of coffee is still present.

People leave the groups to go to the bathroom and to buy food from the GQ, and the conversations turn into studying and working until the groups are complete again.

Murmurs of conversation filter through the background noise. Two girls on the couch, the blonde and the brunette, drop their voices down to a whisper every time they mention an interesting morsel of drama or get to a revelation. "I don't want to talk about it!" one girl says to the other, but within seconds the conversation changes and they are both laughing.

Music begins to be played on someone's computer. People start calling and texting one another in a last-ditch effort to delay homework. Employees begin to leave and the hum of Seegers lessens. It seems darker as the energy dies down, but the hanging lights aren't any dimmer.

The two girls involved in the retelling of the drama start studying formulas for an upcoming quiz, turning from confidants into competitors. Jealousy emerges, as one girl is already more than prepared.

A group leaves and more people come in. The cycle is never-ending. The TV in the background tells of celebrities, explosions, and war.

Oblivious to the larger matters in life, friends talk about drinking, procrastination, and everyday problems.

It's only 9 o'clock and the night is just beginning.

The Fray release their first flop

By AmyMcGovern
Asst. Copy Editor

On Feb. 7, the piano rock group The Fray released their third studio album *Scars and Stories*. Unlike their previous releases which had an upbeat British-pop vibe, *Scars and Stories* is far more mellow, and quite forgettable.

The opening track, "Heartbeat," reminiscent of early Coldplay tracks, was released as a single in late 2011 and may be the only memorable song from the 12 track album. Unfortunately for the band, after the introduction song, the rest is downhill. "The Fighter" sounds like a melodramatic teen-angst anthem, as do many of the tracks.

The only glimpse of hope for the album is the third track, "Turn Me On," which sounds completely different than the rest of the album—combining a pop-inspired piano melody, a heavy bass line, and a danceable tune to create a song sure to get stuck in listeners' heads.

THE FRAY
SCARS & STORIES

The Fray's third studio album is a suprising disappointment.

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"48 to Go" seems as though it could be a contender for one of the better songs on the album; however, about halfway through the heartfelt slow song, it loses its charm and become a bit dull.

Unfortunately, despite one or two key tracks, the band's third album could not live up to the glory of their previous two.

I carry with me

A poem

By Alexandra Legregin
Life Writer

I am
holding
onto the
moment,
even though it's fading away.
The last time I touched him,
the unnatural curve of his hand,
molded by years of arthritis

I am holding onto the moment,
even though it's fading away.
Smoothing the few gray hairs on
the oily warmth of his scalp.

I am holding onto the moment,
even though it's fading away.
The curve of his lips
and a smile that forms for me

I look into the face-
which has wrinkled,
fallen after years of fighting.
The face,
the formerly olive
sweet, silent face
and
hold
my
breath.

I am holding onto the moment,
and its passing,
and I know its passing.
This is the last,
very last,
moment
I am holding onto.

I whisper-
"I love you Poppy"

And I take his hand in my own,
memorizing every, single, bend in
every single finger
breathing, way too hard
way too fast
and at last,
letting go of the moment.

National Eating Disorder Awareness Week Feb. 27-Mar.1

Body Image Issues in the Media

By Leah Sass
Life Writer

Celebrities have millions of dollars to spend on chefs, trainers, and nutritionists. We "normal" people, who do not have access to such things, often want or are even expected to look like them, and we will often go to drastic measures to do so.

The tabloids and other magazines are a big source for our body obsession with our favorite celebrities. Who hasn't been tempted to pick up the magazine cover that reads, "Gwyneth Paltrow's Secrets to Healthy Eating and her Rockin' Body" alongside a headline that says, "Lose 10, 15, 20 lbs" with the secrets of just how to do so? I know I always give these magazines a second look. So many of us look up to these stars and want to look like them. Magazine writers realize this and know that with covers like these, women will buy the magazines to learn those secrets. A lot of what Paltrow talks about in this article is her celebrity trainer literally "redesigning" her body, a luxury most of us college students can't afford. This is nothing new though; the media has put out images like these for decades, showing us how we should look without taking into account how the stars themselves look that way, which is often through means that are unrealistic for the average person.

The media also derides people when they "fall off the wagon," so to speak. With shows like "Fashion Police" and articles like "Who Wore it Best?" permeating magazines – not to mention what one unflattering shot of Paris Hilton scarfing down a burger can do to her career – celebrities are under a constant state of scrutiny to look their best; their career often depends on it. And we thought prom season was stressful? Imagine living your life as if it were prom night every night of the year, and you always needed to look your best because one bad picture with a Spanx roll could spell career suicide.The pressure on celebrity women is understandable but can lead to unsaf meansto get that picture-perfect red carpet body. Everything from colonics to laxatives are used by celebrities to get that perfect red carpet body. The sad thing is, in Hollywood these practices are seen as commonplace. Downing some cayan pepper concoction, however, is not something I would be willing to do to get rid of some water weight. A report recently surfaced that after Beyoncé had her baby; she had her trainer move in with her to be on call 24/7 to help her get her body back. Now, if that is not obsessive, I don't know what is.

It is not the celebrities' fault though; it is the culture we are in that has allowed behavior like this to become our reality, and unattainable looks to be what we should aspire to. Yet with all the airbrushing and retouching magazines do, often the celebrities we see aren't even the way these people actually look. The fashion community has made certain strides in their fight to combat the immense pressure on models with the Council of Fashion Designers of America setting strict guidelines for New York Fashion Week "by not hiring those under the age of sixteen to walk in fashion shows and advising models who may have an eating disorder to seek help." Although these are steps in the right direction in the fashion world, which is so linked to the entertainment industry as we see our favorite actresses in dresses just off the runways, there is still more that needs to be done.

The head designer of Chanel, Karl Lagerfeld, recently called singer Adele "a little fat." This kind of comment should not be acceptable. The question we should be asking is, why wasn't Karl Lagerfeld reprimanded similarly to the way John Galliano was when he lost his post as head designer at Dior after he made anti-Semitic statements? The answer is that comments like Mr. Lagerfeld's are seen as more acceptable and less vitriolic than those of Mr. Galliano's. When push comes to shove, both statements are hurtful and mean. One is just more accepted in our society, which unfortunately, doesn't look like it is changing any time soon.

So your friend has problems with her eating?

By Linda Bips
Assistant Professor of Psychology

We are all surrounded by information about eating disorders: headlines about celebrities, magazine articles on what and why, workshops, and pamphlets. But do you know enough to help your friend who pushes her food around her plate instead of eating, or your friend who heads straight for the bathroom after a pizza party on the floor? It is important to know the facts. One of the best resources is http://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org/ and our college health center and counseling center. Be informed.

Next, it is important to acknowledge those of your friend's behaviors that cause you concern. Be specific about the behaviors you have observed, but don't label. State in clear terms, "I see you cut your food in tiny pieces, move it around your plate but never eat more than a few bites," "I notice that you always go to the bathroom directly after we have pizza," or "I worry that you always say how fat you are every time we get dressed to go out."

Next, express your concern. "I am worried about you because I care about you." Your citing of these behaviors is because you care and are concerned.

Next, talk about what might be the next step. Offer to accompany your friend as she goes to talk to a nurse or a counselor. Now that your concerns are out in the open, widen the circle of who needs to know so that your friend can get the help she needs. You cannot be her therapist; you can only, but most importantly, be her friend. Be patient but not too patient.

Allow your friend to make her move to call for an appointment or go for help. If she refuses or puts you off and you are very concerned, talk to someone who can help - your resident advisor, a counselor, a nurse.

You cannot make someone get help. You can love and support your friend while being direct about your observations and your concerns. It often takes many such face-to-face disclosures before a person seeks help. Don't let her behavior go unnoticed nor let your concerns go underground. Your friend needs you to be committed to her and her well being.

Mirror

A short story

By Alexandra Legregin
Life Writer

A concrete and grim passing of time for a single human form. The world, furiously changing, and he with it, unknowingly. Sturdy hands, softened by time, with the unconscious desire for movement. The ever-present ache to awaken the soul, the rusted and vapid soul, which has been trapped here for much too long.

Seven years of aging in the stillness of this drafty hospital room. His breath, warm and musky, has been locked between the confines of dehydrated lips, but still, she remembers, the very last time, his breath, warm, and melodic tickled her ear lope, sweeter then sugar. With tired eyes, she sits rocking his silvering head close to her bosom and humming a familiar lullaby. Her eyes, icy and weak, look down at his softened, sturdy palms, and knuckles, and fingers. Feigning a shaky smile, her lips quiver and she can't remember the last time she'd felt whole.

Darkness was less then alarming to a man who'd been seeing nothing but darkness for years. A sense of calm came over him upon the realization that every inch of his exhausted body was finally coming alive again. Lifting those sturdy hands before his own almond eyes, he could see and feel the softness in the moonlight, which shone in so delicately from the window. Breath, after breath, after shaky, fatigued breath, he waited for morning to come.

Her smile was exuberating in his first experience of it. He swallowed the satisfying infection of her laugh. He tasted her lips, like it was the very first time, and he was blinded by the luminosity of her presence. Elongated and strong legs, brushed against fragile and weak ones, as she nuzzled into the nape of his fair neck while finally laying next to him.

Seven. Her voice is breathy. He looks at her quizzically. Seven. She repeats herself, firmly this time. With sweaty palms she takes his thin face between her hands. It's been seven years, James, since you've been with me. A coma James, and finally you've finally found your way back. But, seven excruciating years. She sighs brushing the wisps of silver striped hair from his eyes. Breathless, his eyes grow heavy. Out of a large black Gucci pocketbook, she pulls out an eight and a half by eleven-inch mirror. She holds it before him.

His own reflection is daunting, and he is instantly nauseated by the gray, which his scalp has succumbed to. The bags beneath fluttering eyelashes are grotesque. Visage wrinkled significantly, is the final recognition before the push, which shatters the brutally honest mirror. Vomit spills over the side of the bed, covering the mess of shattered glass.

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Second-place finish

By Eric Dobler
Sports Writer

This past Friday night, the Mules defeated the Dickinson Red Devils 65-62 and advanced to the Centennial Conference championship for the first time since 2001. The game was close from the start as the score was tied at 14 halfway through the first half, but then the Red Devils untied it and took a 36-30 lead into halftime. Dickinson opened the first half with a couple of baskets and took a commanding 40-30 lead, but the Mules did not let Dickinson prevail.

The Mules' comeback was led by Senior Forward Spencer Liddic with seven points, which were apart of the Mules 15-4 run to take a 45-44 lead with 13:25 left in regulation. Then Sophomore Guard Austin Curry hit a three and Liddic converted on two key free throws as the Mules took their largest lead of the game 55-48 with 9:22 left. Dickinson came storming back on a 5-0 run of their own. Dickson took a 62-61 lead with 28.8 seconds left in the game. Freshman Guard Malique Killing converted on two free throws. Junior Guard Matt O'Hara also converted on another pair of free throws. The defense came up huge for Muhlenberg as they made two key stops and prevailed with the victory.

Killing finished with 17 points and Liddic contributed 13 rebounds. Sophomore Center Kevin Hargrove was a much-needed defensive presence as he blocked four shots and had four rebounds. Next up for the Mules was Franklin & Marshall in the finals.

The Mules came into this past Saturday night's championship game versus Franklin & Marshall as the underdog, hoping to prevent the Diplomats' third straight conference title. They, however, would be quite disappointed, as they would be defeated by F&M with a score of 71-55. Muhlenberg finished their season with a record of 18-9, having won 8 of its last 10 games.

Muhlenberg led early on in the contest by a score of 8-2, as Curry hit a pair of threes and Junior Forward Hunter Forsman contributed with a couple of blocked shots. However, the 25-2 Diplomats made a few three-pointers of their own and tied the score at 19. F&M entered halftime with a 33-26 lead and never looked back. Liddic tried to close the deficit as he made four field goals in the opening minutes of the second half. The Mules could not cut the deficit further and the closest they got was four points. After a Hargrove layup, F&M went on a 10-0 run. Curry contributed with 17 points and Hargrove added 8 of his own along with 9 rebounds and three blocked shots.

This season was a very successful one for the Mules, and maybe next year they will get over the hump!

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Women's basketball sent to Ohio for first round of NCAAs

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

The Muhlenberg women's basketball team has been sent south, east and north for the NCAA Division III Tournament. Now it is being sent west.

The Mules, who earned an automatic bid by winning the Centennial Conference championship at Johns Hopkins on Saturday, will travel to the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio, for the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament this weekend.

Muhlenberg (22-5) will face NCAA Tournament newcomer Catholic (22-5), the champion of the Landmark Conference, in the first round. The game is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 2, at 5:00.

Like the Mules, the Cardinals beat the regular-season champion (Juniata) on the road in their conference title game. Muhlenberg and Catholic have four common opponents in Washington College, McDaniel, Moravian and New Jersey. The Mules went 6-0 in those games, while the Cardinals were 4-2, losing twice to Washington.

The two schools have met in women's basketball only once before, in 1992.

The other half of the pod matches Mount Union (26-1) against La Roche (22-5). Mount Union, best known for its prominence in Division III football, was ranked sixth in the most recent D3hoops.com poll and also has a strong history in women's basketball, having reached the national semifinals twice.

The Mules are making their eighth NCAA Tournament appearance overall and their sixth in the last seven years. The only time during that span that they played in the immediate area was when they hosted in 2008; their other destinations were Fredericksburg, Va. (2006), Brunswick, Maine (2009), Union, N.J. (2010) and Rochester, N.Y. (2011).

Muhlenberg is 6-7 in its NCAA appearances and has advanced to the "Sweet 16" two of the last three years.

Women's basketball is the first team in College athletic history to make five straight NCAA Tournament appearances; men's soccer (1989-92 and 1994-97) and softball (1989-92) had four-year runs.

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Senior Alexandra Chili

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Beck's Gibonesque moment keys third straight baseball win

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

"I don't believe what I just saw!"

A two-run double by senior Brian Beck in the top of the 11th inning drove in the go-ahead runs and had his Muhlenberg baseball teammates recalling Kirk Gibson's famous home run off Dennis Eckersley in the 1988 World Series.

Beck's game-winning hit touched off a six-run rally, and the Mules held on to

Scuderi was 4-for-7 with two runs scored. defeat 2011 NCAA Tournament participant Catholic, 14-12, to complete a perfect 3-0 opening weekend.

Muhlenberg is 3-0 for the first time since 1978, and after scoring 16 and 13 runs in Saturday's sweep of Gallaudet, has reached double digits in runs in each of its first three games for the first time since 1927.

The Mules appeared to be comfortably ahead, 7-1, entering the bottom of the sixth, but the Cardinals (2-2) tookadvantage of three errors to plate seven runs and take an 8-7 lead.

Muhlenberg tied the score in the eighth when sophomore John Scuderi doubled and came around on a single by junior Joseph Vila.

Neither team threatened in the ninth, and both put a runner in scoring position in the 10th without breaking the tie.

An infield error and a hit batsman put two runners on for Beck with one out in the 11th. The first baseman, who played the entire game despite being hobbled by an injury, hit a bomb to left-center to bring in both runners.

Two more runs scored on errors, and Vila capped the outburst with a two-run single. The rally fell one short of the school record of seven runs in an extra inning, set against Lake Erie in 2006, and gave the Mules a seemingly safe 14-8 lead.

But again Catholic came back. A sacrifice fly and three-run homer made it 14-12 with two outs in the bottom of the inning before junior Ryan Rechten recorded the final out.

Freshman Christian Ferlan earned the win in his first career appearance, throwing four innings in relief without allowing an earned run. One of his four strikeouts came with the potential winning run on third with two outs in the 10th. Freshman Matthew Lawsky pitched into the sixth and allowed just two earned runs in his first career start.

Vila drove in four runs for the second game in a row, and junior John Muha scored four.

"M.V.-Pete" Is "M.V.-Re-Pete" at Conference Track

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

One of the new fads on television is shows about prospectors heading to Alaska in search of gold and fortune.

But when it comes to finding the shiny stuff, it's tough to top Muhlenberg's Peter Rice.

The senior sprinter earned gold medals in all four of his events at the Centennial Conference Indoor Track & Field Championships to earn his third straight Most Outstanding Track Performer award (two indoor, one outdoor). He is the second Mule to win the award three times, and his 16 career gold medals are the most in program history.

His performance helped the Mule men finish fourth in the team race, while the women finished seventh, led by the gold-medal winning 4x800-meter relay team.

Rice's golden day started when he teamed with junior Isaiah Vaughn, senior Kyle Sullivan and sophomore Jeff Reinart to break the school and conference championship meet records in the 4x200-meter relay in a time of 1:31.07.

He followed that up with another conference meet mark to win the 400 meters by almost a full second (49.43).

"You always want to run your best at the championships; this is what we work for all season," said Rice, who has won four golds at the past two championship meets. "It helps when you have great teammates. We had such a huge lead in the 4x2 that all I had to do was stay in front. My job was easy."

Rice missed another meet mark by .01 seconds in winning the 200 and closed out his perfect day by teaming with classmate Michael Baer and sophomores Andrew Onimus and Jake Ullmann to win the 4x400meter relay gold. It's Muhlenberg's third straight 4x400 indoor crown.

Two weeks after breaking the conference record, the women's 4x800 team of seniors Kimberlee Yalango and Nicolette Miller, junior Erica Bash and sophomore Nicole Cronin captured just the second relay gold in women's school history.

On the individual side, Vaughn added an individual school record to his relay mark, taking second in the 60-meter dash in a time of 7.11 seconds. He finished just ahead of senior Kyle Sullivan, who grabbed bronze. Vaughn and Sullivan also finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 200.

Senior Marc Brookland finished third in the triple jump for his 10th career medal and came in fourth in the long jump. Junior Ryan Hellings grabbed the bronze in the pole vault.

Joining them on the medal stand was junior Samantha Mayden who grabbed silver in the mile for her first career CC track medal. She also came in fourth in the 3,000.

Sophomores Stephanie Carnevale and Amber Lee Wojtkowski finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 55-meter hurdles. Carnevale is just the second Mule female to ever medal in the indoor hurdles.

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Season Preview: Women's Lacrosse Hoping Competition Breeds Success

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Senior co-caption Kelsey Elmer

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During the second week of Muhlenberg women's lacrosse practice, mummies could be seen running around Frank Marino Field at Scotty Wood Stadium.

It had nothing to do with any horror movies or interactive history exhibit. Rather, the toilet-paper wrapped players were representing Egypt in the team's version of the Olympics.

Fittingly, Greece ended up winning the contest and claiming the coveted torch. But more importantly, the Olympics helped create an atmosphere of competition and camaraderie that the team hopes will carry it to the playoffs for the third time in the past five seasons.

"They were really cool and helped make conditioning a lot more fun. They also helped bring us closer as a team," senior co-captain Angela Napoletano said of the Olympics. "We're really determined to improve this season. We didn't do as well as we wanted last year, and we've been working really hard to change that."

The quest begins on Thursday when Muhlenberg opens the season at Widener before heading to Hilton Head for Spring Break. And if the Mules are going to reach their playoff goal, Napoletano said it will take some variety on offense.

While Muhlenberg lost the second-leading scorer in program history to graduation, it's not going to be up to one person to try to fill the void. The Mules return five players who score at least 10 points last season, including Napoletano, who finished second on the squad with 46 points (39 goals, 7 assists) despite missing two games.

Senior co-captain Kelsey Elmer (7 G, 4 A) and juniors Molly Davin (25 goals, 9 assists), Alex Bellini (20 G, 5 A) and Alexandra Gabriele (6 G, 6 A) return to form what Napoletano called one of the deepest offensive lineups she can remember.

"We have five, six or seven girls that can all score," Napoletano said. "We don't have one dominant player that we're going to try to get the ball to; we want to spread it around. We've been working together really well, and I think we're going to have a lot of girls really stepping up this year."

Seniors Sarah Hetrick (5 G, 3 A, 11 GB) and Jessica Shegoski (1 G, 1 A, 23 DC) and junior Jill Freda (9 GB, 4 CT) return to provide versatility in the midfield.

On the defensive end, senior Becky Ritter (6 GB) played in every game last season and leads what Napoletano called an athletic and talented group. Junior Alexandra Franck leads active Mules in career ground balls (78) and caused turnovers (47).

Sophomore Kaitlyn McCaffrey could contend for all-conference honors after a very impressive debut last spring. She set a school record for caused turnovers (39) and also led the team in ground balls (46) and draw controls (26). She led the conference in caused turnovers per game and finished second in ground balls per game.

The onus will be on the entire defensive unit because the Mules will have to break in a new starting goalie for the first time since 2008. But Napoletano said both junior Tiffany Kreider and sophomore Rachel Chinman have made great strides since the fall and are still battling for the starting spot.

If those strides continue, Napoletano believes there are enough pieces in place that the Mules can challenge for a spot in the postseason. And in her senior season, she said that would be as good as gold.

"I can't wait for our first game," Napoletano said. "We have a lot of talented players, and we've been working so hard that I think we can surprise some teams. We're really excited to get the season going, and our senior class wants to go out with a bang."

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Women's Basketball

(22-5)

Fri. 3/2 vs. Catholic
at Mt. Union, 5:00 pm
(NCAA tournament)

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Women's Basketball

(22-5)
Fri. 2/24 vs. Franklin & Marshall
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Men's Basketball

(18-9)
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Muhlenberg hosts self-defense class for Spierer

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

On Mon. Mar. 19th, Alpha Chi Omega, Active Minds, the Department of Campus Safety, and the Peer Health Advocates at Muhlenberg (PHAM) sponsored a self-defense class to raise money for the find-Lauren Fund.

Lauren Spierer
Photo Courtesy of Jocelyn Bibi

Lauren Spierer is a twenty-year-old female from Scarsdale, NY and a student at Indiana Univeristy in Bloomington. Unfortunately, Spierer has been missing since early Friday morning, June 3, and was last seen on 11th St. and College Ave. in Bloomington, IN. The find-Lauren Fund was started by Indiana Univeristy Hillel in conjunction with Lauren Spierer's parents, because they realized that people were concerned about Lauren's safety and wanted to help the effort to find her. The purpose of the fund is to subsidize fees for private investigators, reward money, flyer production, bracelet making, and anything else that could potentially help find Spierer.

Jocelyn Bibi '14 the Vice President of Active Minds and sister of Alpha Chi Omega, decided to organize the self-defense class because Spierer's disappearance is very personal for her .Bibi and Spierer went to Edgemont Junior and Senior High School together. As Bibi comments, "to me, this hits close to home. Lauren is not just another face on a milk carton- this situation made me aware that bad things can happen to good people."

There were two main purposes of the self-defense class: one was to raise money for the findLauren Fund and the second was to increase awareness of safety on the College's campus. When Bibi was asked where the idea for the class came from, she said, "The original idea of the class was brought to me by Hannah Lyons, another sister in Alpha Chi Omega. Hannah was very close since they both went to Lauren from Camp Towanda." Hannah Lyons '13 is abroad this semester, but Bibi wanted to help with the efforts to find Spierer and raise awareness on campus as soon as possible, so Bibi decided to move forward with the event.

To begin planning the class Bibi followed the lead of a self-defense class taught at New York Univeristy by two of Spierer's camp friends as well. Bibi comments, "When I first got started on the project I contacted Lauren's mother, Charlene Spierer, and she got me in contact with them." After Bibi got ideas from Spierer's mother and camps friends, she met with Chief Robert Gerken and Tom Dougherty of Campus Safety, who agreed to teach a class for free because of the nature of the event. Bibi commented on her next step in planning the class: "Then I went about advertisement, getting club sponsors, and nailing out all of the details. I

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Discovering *Foster*:

English Department Alumni Conference

Dan Schloss
News Writer

On Sat. Mar. 17, in Seegers Union, the English Department hosted an alumni conference.

> *"In this special moment, alumni - from current English teachers and editors to acclaimed writers - and students - from fresh-. men to seniors - met to ~~appreciate the subject~~*

Welcoming back graduates, the conference was an all-day event celebrating the successes and passions of former English majors. Alumni returned to join faculty and current students for literary readings, career panels, lectures, and a discussion of Irish writer Claire Keegan's short story, "Foster."

In the morning, everyone met and reconnected with each other over breakfast. Alumni mingled with students and professors, gaped at the new dining hall, and reminisced about their Muhlenberg experience.

Then, everyone split off into occupation panels to discuss career paths. These discussions were led by various alumni whose English foundation at Muhlenberg prepared them for a variety of experiences. Academic, professional, and arts panels embraced the opportunities that these graduates took advantage of, while also inspiring current students.

Later, the conference celebrated St. Patrick's Day by reading the intricate and popular story "Foster." Although these discussions were led by professors of the English department, they were a special occasion for everyone to enjoy a well-crafted story and to be a college student again. In this special moment, alumni—from current English teachers to editors to acclaimed writers—and students—from freshmen to seniors—met to appreciate the subject they love.

In the final activity of the evening, the group came together to enjoy literary readings from the alumni themselves. This became a great way for everyone to connect on such a special evening. After sharing dinner and reminiscing with each other, alumni, faculty, and students departed with a shared appreciation of English.

Needless to say, the event definitely made an impact on all who attended it.

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Why were we not notified?

On Wed. Mar. 15th, an Allentown man, Rocco P. Marinaro, was found shot dead on the front porch of his home on 19th and Allen Street. The 57-year old man had been missing for two days. On Monday night, neighbors had reported to police that they had heard what sounded like fireworks or gunshots coming from the direction of Marinaro's house. At around noon on Wednesday, police investigated the situation upon receiving a phone call report of a man lying still on the porch. Marinaro's death has been ruled a homicide due to the presence of a gunshot wound.

Obviously these kinds of things are not frequent occurences, but this is still a very serious event, especially since it happened so close to our bubble. Upperclassmen live in houses near 19th and Allen, while other students run down those blocks for exercise. The two cross-streets are active streets for College students.

But what is most concerning is that the student body was not notified of the incident. While it did not directly affect any College students, the homicide was close enough to the campus, and certainly in close enough proximity to students, that it could have involved them. This means that Campus Safety should have notified the student body of the affair. We have a great system of text messages and emails in place which allows Campus Safety to alert us quickly and effectively.

Whenever there are robbers walking the streets around the campus, whether or not anyone is likely to be affected, we are still sent texts and emails notifying us and telling us to be aware. But when a murder - something even more serious than an armed robber walking the streets - was committed only a few blocks away, we were not alerted. Especially because the murderer has not been found, it seems pertinent to inform the stuent body of what occurred, as we need to be aware of suspicious persons now more than ever.

99% Ignorance

By Steven Kraushaar
Op/Ed Writer

It was over six months ago that the Occupy Movement was inaugurated, and I still don't understand what their platform is. They squat in public locations all over the country and chant, "*We are the 99%!*" These people protest Wall Street and the 1% of earners in the U.S., but why are they scapegoating these achievers? What control do investment bankers have over the unemployment rate? How does their success put the "99%" at a disadvantage? Isn't the "1%" a huge pool of job creators? They are blaming the wrong group; if they want to protest, it should be toward government policies that hinder employment and growth!

These protesters hold signs that say, "Robin Hood was right," "Tear down this Wall Street," "Gaza Supports the Occupation of Wall Street," and several other signs to the same effect. "Robin Hood economics" is a synonym for the concept of redistribution of wealth. If we are redistributing the wealth of the most financially successful people in America, then why don't we redistribute the grades of the most academically successful students here at Muhlenberg? The top 1% of students will redistribute part of their 4.0 GPA's and let the other 99% of students thrive off of their hard work. We can also apply this concept to sporting events. The team who trains the most and wins the most games will redistribute their athletic success to the less prosperous teams. Does this seem fair to anyone? Should we reduce the incentive for the 1% to work hard? Why will they work so hard if huge portions of their earnings are getting redistributed to the 47% of Americans who don't even pay a dime of income tax?

Aside from their lazy and hypocritical views on redistribution of wealth, these protesters are full of hate, especially toward Jews. There are countless videos and pictures of occupiers holding up anti-Semitic posters and hollering anti-Semitic expressions. "You can't even speak English. Go back to Israel," "Hitler's Bankers— Wall St.," "Google: Zionists control Wall Street"... The hate that this group has toward Jews cannot be ignored. I recently had the pleasure of attending the AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) Policy Conference in Washington DC, early in March. I soon learned that the Occupy Movement had teamed up with the Anti-Israel movement. I watched and listened as huge crowds of anti-Semitic advocates held up signs and screamed obscenities against Jews and demonized them as greedy and evil creatures. How could anyone characterize a group as violent, hateful, and cruel as this one as a beneficial one?

While I take no position with regard to the Tea Party movement, I can contrast the two movements by noting that the platform of the Tea Party movement is coherently based on a belief

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Why Kony?

By Joshua Clement
Op/Ed Writer

For those of you who don't know what Kony 2012 is, I would suggest going online and finding out. Basically, it is a 30-minute video created by Invisible Children to raise awareness for their campaign to stop the atrocities perpetrated by Joseph Kony, the leader of the LRA (Lord's Resistance Army, a guerrilla warfare group) in Uganda.

This video has become the most viral video in on the internet, pulling in a total of more than 100 million views in a little over a week. Invisible Children has been working on this issue since 2004, focusing on Kony's use of child-soldiers.

I'm not planning on attacking the recent public scandal that Jason Russel has encountered, or the matter regarding the transparency of Invisible Children's financial situation; rather, I will be exploring why this video became so popular. I want to make it clear that I am not personally attacking anyone who is involved with Invisible Children or saying that people shouldn't get involved in humanitarian issues. The problem does not reside in the desire to help—well, just a little—but the true issue resides in *how* one helps; the help needs to be guided by knowledge, or else it will only cause more damage. Trust me, I've taken enough sociology classes at this point to know this: American foreign policy is not a happy story.

The message of Kony 2012 is simple: to make Kony famous enough that the US government will have no choice but to continue the pressure to capture the rebel leader. In 2010, Obama signed a bill that decreed that 100 US peacekeepers would be sent to Uganda to assist in the capture of Joseph Kony, who was declared a war criminal in 2005.

It is too simplistic to take on a multi-faceted issue that has been ongoing for over 20 years. The LRA now resides in the Congo, their forces have dwindled down to several hundred, and the threat in Uganda is now almost eradicated, as the LRA was defeated there in 2006. At this point, it is estimated that 98% of the displaced people in Uganda have returned to their homes.

This does not even take into account the issues that created this rebel group, or the fact that the same tactics used by the LRA, which were deemed so reprehensible ,were in fact also being used by the Ugandan Army, such as the use of child-soldiers. At a special screening of the film in a northern village in Uganda, the response to the video was disgust; viewers were throwing rocks at the screen and leaving in anger as they commented that the film didn't represent them or their struggles.

Invisible Children has responded to most of these issues, claiming that the point of the video was to raise awareness first and that, to do so, it needed a concise and clear message. They also stated that most of their focus is on providing aid in Uganda and on building infrastructure to repair the country, after the damage committed by Kony.

I, however, am not interested in this. It's obvious the video wasn't very informative and that it can't hold up to any academic scrutiny. I want to know why, if this video was so flawed and the full message can only be explained with further research, everyone ate it up. Why aren't we making the Prime Minister of Syria (protesters in Syria were recently massacred on the streets by terrorist groups working under protection of the government), or maybe someone right here in America like George Zimmerman (he was just doing his job on the neighborhood watch until he shot and killed a black teenager named Trayvor Martin, whom Zimmerman deemed as suspicious) famous? Martin was killed for having a bag of Skittles and a can of iced tea in his pockets. Oh, and it has been three weeks, and there have been no arrests made in conjunction with the case. Hell, the genocide in Darfur is still happening, and just a few weeks ago, an American soldier gunned down 16 Afghan civilians, and nobody changed their profile picture then.

Even if we wanted to help in a general way, we could talk about the US cutting funding to UNESCO, a United Nations program that promotes education, science, and culture, and helps fund schools worldwide in poorer countries. The US used to help cover 1/5 of the cost of this worthy cause. However, UNESCO has granted Palestine full membership to its cause, thereby allowing the UN program to go to Palestine and help out with education problems; since Israel is completely sacrosanct in our politics and we have laws from 20 years ago that say we cannot fund programs that recognize Palestine, we cut all our funding to UNESCO. We needed to make a statement to the enemies of Israel, even when they're starving and we are cutting off our nose to spite our face as UNESCO funds American-led programs in Iraq. These are all much more recent events, and they are much more substantial in terms of their effect on our society today. So, the question becomes: why Kony?

I believe the Kony 2012 video became so popular because it hit on all the correct beats for our sentiments about the world outside of America, especially Africa. The common perception of Africa is that of a war-torn continent ruled by rebel war leaders and vicious dicta-

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tors—the children are starving, have AIDS, or are in some other form of trouble. Call now to donate five dollars and save this poor, starving African child, just call the number 1-800-, and the channel is already changed. But this time it was different. This time we all watched and shared the video. We might not have bought an action kit or called our local congressmen, but we decided that we were going to do something about it, and that something turned into the most viral video ever.

Kony 2012 is rife with marketing tools and high production values to turn us into believers, ranging from the obvious ploys of a cute child laying out the situation in black and white, to the subtler vigilante imagery towards the end of the video. The logic of why we need to do something relies on the "fourth step" of what we need to do: "If the government doesn't believe the people care, the mission will be canceled." The logic is suspect to begin with, but the ramifications of this type of thinking are insidious. Is the answer to stopping the issues of the world American military power? It's as if we can solve all of Uganda's problems with one solution: stop Joseph Kony, and the rest will materialize.

This is what we believe about the world; this is why this video worked. We believe that by removing a single threat, by taking away one antagonist, we have won the war, saved the world. In reality, this causes more harm than good, and the original structural issues are left untouched. A cute child tells us that if we do something now, we can save Uganda; all we have to do is send in a few troops and take down Kony. We have a story that is presented to us with familiar imagery, a clear villain, and apparently simple decisions. That's how we view the world, and by supporting causes blindly we reinforce the very structures that cause the problems we are trying to solve. So, are Kony 2012 and Invisible Children worthy causes? In a limited sense, yes. But focusing our attention on merely the figurehead behind a fading rebel group of a few hundred soldiers by perpetuating misguiding ideas about countries like Uganda is not going to save the world.

Kony 2012 did one thing more successfully than anything else: it showed that people can be mobilized and that political issues can be brought to the attention of millions with a speed and interest never seen before in history. However, the world does not have a few simple problems that can be easily solved. Kony 2012 must only be the start of a quest for more information on these issues, and the answers must not come from simple videos focused on marketing tools rather than on information. There are things that we can do, and they are neither simple topics nor easy to accomplish, but now we at least know that everyone is paying attention.

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in constitutional principles and has not been permeated with violent activities; the same cannot be said for the Occupy Movement. The Occupy Movement is based on empty slogans with clear anti-Semitic undertones. This movement has become violent and dangerous and is causing much more harm than good.

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Grammy U

By Jacob Kupin
Op/Ed Writer

Her perfume filled the air as she strutted in with poise. Her curly, black hair settled on her shoulders and she began to talk, illustrating the path she took from teenage club singer to international R & B star. As Alicia Keys talked, the room took in her every word. And I was there, front row, to hear it all, thanks to Grammy U.

Grammy University is a subsidiary of The Recording Academy, which is designed to provide connections and experiences for students interested in working in the music industry. And what an experience it provides!

Since I have joined Grammy University, I have attended numerous events. I went to the Grammy NYC telecast party, where I interacted with Grammy Award-winning producers and other college students who share my musical passion. I have also attended an event at Alicia Keys' beautiful studio, a Q & A with Estelle, and I have even gotten a job. One upcoming even is a sound check with the Black Keys, and many more like it are in the works. The organization provides members with invaluable connections to the music industry world. It also provides access to Grammy tickets.

As Muhlenberg's Grammy U campus representative, it's my job to drive up membership and host events. I'm also looking to start a club next semester, which will give members experience in event planning, marketing, and access to meet-and-greets.

The events are held in major cities around the country, with Philly and New York being the best locations for Muhlenberg students. I go to almost all the events, and may be able to provide transportation.

Grammy U costs $25 for one year or $50 to last until you graduate. That's an incredible deal. I paid less than $15 this year to do all of these amazing things, and I am just getting started.

You also get access to the Grammy networking website, where I found my current job interviewing major musicians. It's amazing.

Shoot me an email at jk245967@muhlenberg.edu if you want more information, and sign up at www.grammy365.com today!

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How to be yourself

By Evan Kasakove
Op/Ed Writer

I get the best advice from people I don't know, but read books about. These people are successful and famous in their own way and are people I look up to because of what they accomplished and, more importantly, because of how they did it. One of the constant and best pieces of advice that all these people give and live by is to be yourself.

Being yourself is simple and really good advice, and it applies to all people in many different ways. Even though I understand that this is something I need to do, I still struggle with putting this advice into practice. The first step to being yourself is knowing who you are and being honest with the most difficult person to be honest with: yourself. Of course, being honest with other people is almost a precondition of being honest with yourself. But if you're not a horrible liar and you can try to be honest with yourself, it begs the question: how do I do this? Do you just take a paper bag, cut eye holes in it, put it over your head, get naked, stand in front of a mirror and evaluate yourself honestly (see Mad Men Season 1). That would ake care of the physical introspection, but most people are more than just outward appearances. The other type of introspection is looking at your personality, which is more complex but can be just as deceiving. The problem may not be what is wrong with me—being fat or spiteful, for example—but with the process of introspection. How do we do it? How can we look at ourselves in an unbiased way? When we look at ourselves in the mirror, both the physical and the internal, we see the same thing everyone else sees, but we're looking at it from a very different perspective: our own. It's not that we can't see or can't introspect, but rather that we don't want to see.

"Our physical characteristics, together with our emotional wants, needs, and personality, make us the people we are. We care deeply about who this person is, but we care more about how other people view this person."

Being honest with yourself means accepting yourself for who you are. You can either accept your physical characteristics or you change them (cosmetic surgery). Our physical characteristics, together with our emotional wants, needs, and personality, make us the people we are. We care deeply about who this person is, but we care more about how other people view this person. You could live with being ugly only if you could accept other people thinking your ugly. It is from this basic desire to be looked at in a positive way, to fit in your wants and needs and social habits, that we construct our own personality.

When you construct your personality, it is largely based on how you want others to see you. Our looks and our clothes are the first two signals that others see. Your looks are based on genetics, but there is room for variation and most of us try to look good for ourselves and others, i.e. sexual partners (see evolutionary psychology). If you try to look bad, or a certain type of way (i.e. Emos), that says something about yourself, too. Our looks are very similar to our personalities in that there are certain inherent influences like genetics and how you were raised (nature versus nurture). Then there are choices. I really wished I knew how powerful each one was in proportion to each other, but I know they are both strong factors. For better or for worse, our parents are our first models for our personality. We learn language and social behavior from watching their behavior and from the things they taught us, willingly or unwillingly. If you grew up with loving parents, in a stable and safe environment, you are going to be different than if your parents were abusive, neglectful, or absent. But that isn't to say you don't have a choice in who you become as a teenager or as an adult—you absolutely do. I think a very constraining factor on your freedom of choice is the influence your childhood had on you that you didn't know was happening or didn't understand. A classic example is a child who is sexually abused and, as an adult, becomes an abuser, too. This is not always the case, but it happens. Why does this happen? There are various reasons—most I can only speculate on or take from others—but it just highlights the point I am trying to make: sometimes we don't understand our past and, therefore, can't understand our present.

We try to become someone else and model ourselves off of what we view as successful or attractive because we want to be viewed in a certain way. I wear plain-color shirts because they have no brand, no identification signal to others. I don't want people to think my clothes tell them something about my personality because people's clothes tell me something about their personality, and I don't like that; even though people are more than how they dress. Of course what I later realized is that the plain-colored shirt, even without a brand, still is an identification signal to others. You can't escape people's judgment, and you should only let that judgment affect you so much.

But being true to yourself is ultimately about embracing your personality. Do you want to be nice, outgoing, or hurtful; any of these things can be both ingrained in us and in our choices. Some people choose to be certain *types,* like the nice guy, the nice girl, or the asshole, because they are models.

We use the same well-tested models that are used by the people we look up to because we know they work and, therefore, we can't fail at them. This self-defense mechanism works because when we choose to be a certain person and nobody ends up liking that person, our self-image is protected. They didn't not like me, they didn't like the person I was pretending to be. If this is you, it's not a criticism; I believe everyone does it to some extent, and I know I do.

I hope to be able to come to terms with who I am, be comfortable with showing that person to other people and in that way I will have listened to the advice. I will be myself, hopefully.

The article below was printed in the March 1, 2012 issue but was mistakenly cut off. Below is the full text of the article, for your reading pleasure.

The war on logic

By Ian Hassan
Op/Ed Writer

It sounds like the tag-line for the reboot of *21 Jump Street*: young cops go undercover and get high school kids to sell them illegal drugs. Only this isn't a comedic film; this is real life, and this is sick.

"Last year in three high schools in Florida, several undercover police officers posed as students. The undercover cops went to classes, became Facebook friends and flirted with the other students. One 18-year-old honor student named Justin fell in love with an attractive 25-year-old undercover cop after spending weeks sharing stories about their lives, texting and flirting with each other.

One day she asked Justin if he smoked pot. Even though he didn't smoke marijuana, the love-struck teen promised to help find some for her. Every couple of days she would text him asking if he had the marijuana. Finally, Justin was able to get it to her. She tried to give him $25 for the marijuana and he said he didn't want the money -- he got it for her as a present.

A short while later, the police did a big sweep and arrest 31 students -- including Justin. Almost all were charged with selling a small amount of marijuana to the undercover cops. Now Justin has a felony hanging over his head." (Source: alternet.org)

Marijuana use is and has been a very controversial and hot-button issue as of late, which only serves to make this story all the more intriguing. But let's rewind for a moment to the part where this young man, Justin, had his future college and career(s) put in jeopardy or even ruined completely. He was an honor student, simply minding his own business, probably musing what colleges he was going to apply to and what he was going to do with his future. In comes the good, old "War on Drugs" like a tornado onto a peaceful blue-skied day and causes a black spot to appear, a potential disease on his previously pristine hopes and dreams.

Justin wasn't even a drug user; the only reason he was later arrested was because he was a normal teenage boy with a normal schoolboy crush. Apparently, this is illegal now in America, where your schoolmates might not be students at all, but undercover policemen who, instead of patrolling the streets for real crimes like robberies, muggings, etc., patrol the hallways of high schools for innocent, gullible students who might not even be drug users themselves. Yes, real crimes. Real crimes to me are things that endanger the welfare of many. I don't think that small amounts of marijuana are going to hurt anybody. As far as I know, there hasn't been even one documented case of a marijuana overdose killing someone.

But let's be real about this. Why are law enforcers resorting to such slimy and underhanded approaches to such a crime? Is this really what we've come to? You might as well trick someone to fall in love with you and see if they can find you a nuclear bomb; maybe then it would be acceptable (if they did indeed acquire one), for a small amount of marijuana, which is probably legal in other states?

According to some estimates, the United States federal government spent more than $15 billion dollars on the so-called "War on Drugs" in 2010. That is a rate of about $500 per second. Forget the suspiciously high and increasingly exponential incarceration rate. Forget the sentencing disparities for drug arrests. Forget the covert "operations" that kill innocents in other drug-producing countries like Columbia. This is $500 per second, people, and it's going towards tricking our naive and innocent high school honors students into seeking out a small marijuana purchase. That's just wrong. They should be seeking more straightforward, righteous activity. And the sad thing is that the administrators of such programs who thought of the idea probably know it and don't care.

Please take the time out of your day and consider the relentless waste and stupidity being brought on by these people and sign a petition to end the "War on Drugs." A great petition website can be visited at this URL: http://www.avaaz.org/en/end the war on drugs/

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 27 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of vandalism to an exterior door that caused damage. Plant Operations was notified to repair the door. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 27 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Liberty St., there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident with a College vehicle causing damage to the rear taillight. Plant Operations was notified.

Feb. 27 – Harassment – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of harassment between students. The individuals were spoken to and Letters of No Contact were issued. Residential Services were notified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 27 – Animal Complaint (Pet) – On Kern field (tennis courts), there was a report of a loose dog. The owner of the dog was spoken to and the dog was put on a leash. There was no further incident.

Feb. 27 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost iPod.

Feb. 28 – Injured Student – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 28 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of harassment. The students were identified and spoken to. Residential Services were notified.

Feb. 29 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner was notified and claimed the phone.

Mar. 1 – Fire Alarm System Trouble Sounding – At 2251 Liberty St., there was a report of trouble from the fire alarm system. Simplex was called and responded to correct the problem. There was no further incident.

Mar. 1 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student will go to the Health Center in the morning.

Mar. 1 – Harassment – In Moyer, second floor, there was a report of verbal harassment. The individuals were identified and spoken to. The investigation will continue.

Mar. 1 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a found watch. The owner will pick up the item after returning to campus from Spring Break.

Mar. 1 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 2 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport. The student will go to the Health Center in the morning.

Mar. 2 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 2 – Injured Student – Off campus, there was a report of an injured student at an off campus location. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the Health Center.

Mar. 2 – Found Property – On campus, there was a report of a found cell phone. The owner was contacted and picked up the phone.

Mar. 2 – Possession of Stolen Property – At 2251 Turner St. (building #5, first floor), there was a report of a found Muhlenberg College banner found while performing room checks for Spring Break. The flag was given to the Public Relations office. Residential Services were also notified.

Mar. 2 – Found Property – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a found sign pole found while performing room checks for Spring Break. The item was given to Plant Operations.

Mar. 2 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of possession of drug paraphernalia found while performing room checks for Spring Break. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 8 – Property Damage (Non-Criminal Act) – In the Trexler Library parking lot, there was a report of a dumpster that rolled and hit a vehicle causing damage to the bumper. Plant Operations was notified and responded. Allentown Police Department responded and took a report.

Mar. 8 – Property Damage (Non-Criminal Act) – In the Walz/Brown north parking lots, there was a report of a tree branch that fell on the vehicle causing damage to the hood. The owner of the vehicle was notified and spoken to.

Mar. 9 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2442 Tilghman St., an automated telephone call was sent out signaling a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, no alarm was sounding and the panel box was clear. There was no further incident.

Mar. 12 – Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) – In the faculty/staff parking lot, there was a report of a vehicle that was illegally parked and not registered. The vehicle also had an excessive amount of tickets. A Campus Safety officer booted the vehicle. The boot was later removed after arrangements were made with the Controller's Office.

Mar. 13 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found backpack. The owner later claimed the item.

Mar. 13 – Larceny/Theft – On campus, there was a report of theft of an iPod and money from a purse. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Mar. 14 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 14 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of found money. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The money was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 14 – Found Property – In Moyer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found clutch and student ID card. Attempts were made to notify the owner. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 15 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of verbal and electronic harassment. A Letter of No Trespass will be sent.

Mar. 15 – Found Property – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of found keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 15 – Injured Student – At 2143 Chew St., there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 16 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Allentown Police Department cited the student for Underage Consumption and Public Drunkenness.

Mar. 16 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost iPod.

Mar. 16 – Sick Student – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further medical treatment or transport. Housekeeping was notified to clean the area.

Mar. 17 – Larceny/Theft – At 2251 Turner St. (building #5), there was a report of theft of a barricade. The individuals were identified and spoken to. The barricade was returned to its original location. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In East Hall (F Block, second floor), there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Allentown Police Department cited the student for Underage Drinking.

Mar. 17 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival, the residents were spoken to. The music was turned down to an acceptable level. There was no further incident.

Mar. 17 – Larceny/Theft – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found stop sign. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Mar. 17 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found purse and keys. The owner later claimed the item.

Mar. 17 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found purse. The owner later claimed the item.

Mar. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown Police Department cited the student for Underage Drinking.

Mar. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Benfer Hall parking lot, there was a report of a found Frisbee post. Plant Operations was notified to return the post to its proper location. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 18 – Found Property – On N. 26th St., there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 18 – Found Property – At 325 N. 23rd St. (Hoffman House), there was a report of a found camera. The item was later returned to the owner.

Mar. 18 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, no cause could be found. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 18 – Vehicle Lock Out – On the front drive, there was a report of keys locked in a vehicle. A Campus Safety officer retrieved the keys. There was no further incident.

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also met with the Public Relations Office and had them write a press release to send out so that we can get Lauren's name in the news again. That is my priority." As the class got closer, Bibi noted that the organization of the class was a lot more work than she expected, but she was excited to see it in action. Additionally, Bibi adds a comment on the sponsors of the class: "All the groups that are sponsoring the event are ones which I am involved in, and they all recognized how much it means to me and what a good cause it is."

Gerken and Dougherty are certified Rape Aggression Defense System (R.A.D.) instructors. R.A.D. is the nation's largest self-defense course solely for women, and is taught at over 300 colleges and universities, private, municipal, state, and federal agencies by over 1300 instructors.

During the class, Gerken spoke about R.A.D. and explained that its approach to personal safety education embodies a combination of threat avoidance tactics and real-world assault resistance strategies for women.

According to Campus Safety's page on the College website, "The focus of the R.A.D. course of instruction is on the development of easily mastered personal safety skills which can be safely practiced within a comfortable learning environment, and the coupling of those physical skills with a threat assessment process which will increase physical safety awareness. The overall goal is to reduce victimization through informed decision making and sensible action. R.A.D. is a 12-hour course that is taught for three hours a night. Instructors are willing to try to work around your schedule, making it easier for you to attend."

Gerken explained that Monday's class was merely a preview to what an actual R.A.D. class would be like, but he wanted all attendees to learn a new technique to help keep themselves safe. Gerken and Dougherty highlighted several different situations that a women might be in and possible ways to get out of those situations by demonstrating the moves and then following participates to try each move.

Jocelyn was very happy with the turn of about 70 women at the class.

A total of $350 was raised to donate to the findLauren Fund.

Ribbon in honor of Lauren.

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Senior Class Connections Campaign
Wine & Cheese Reception
Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2012
Location: Event Space, Seegers Union
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Make your gift in honor or in memory of your favorite faculty or staff member.
Cash - Check - Credit Card - Flex Account
www.muhlenberg.edu/makeagift

Hey Seniors!
Chairman of the Board, Rich Brueckner '71, P'04, P'10
"Break the Brueck"
Tour the Bell Tower with a gift of
$20.12
and
meet Chairman Brueckner at an
exclusive wine tasting with a gift of
$100

Contact Heather Fox '08
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Find us on Facebook: "Class of 2012 Gives Back"

Common thought about Common Hour

BY JULIE KELLY
NEWS WRITER

"What is the point of Common Hour?" This question has echoed through the ears of many students over the past two semesters. As defined by the college, Common Hour is the block of time between 12:30 and 1:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays when no classes or organized activities are scheduled. Its goals are stated under the Campus Events section of the Muhlenberg website: 1. To strengthen the Muhlenberg community by creating a common meeting time for "beyond the classroom" gatherings by student, staff, and faculty; and 2. To strengthen the Muhlenberg community by designating a common meeting time for hard-to-schedule meetings between students, staff, and faculty.

Are these goals actually being met?

Erin Laney, a sophomore, weighed in on the issue. When asked her opinion of Common Hour, she said: "I hate it. The purpose is for busy people to go to meetings and lectures at this time, but the ones I have are still held at night, so homework and other activities are still affected." Laney went on to say that the only events she has attended during Common Hour were required by her professors: "This block of time isn't being used effectively, and I definitely preferred what it was like last year." As a student athlete, Laney also asserted that she would rather have classes during this time instead of having to miss classes to travel to away games.

Two other students expressed similar opinions. Common Hour "is just when people go to eat lunch, and now the lines are extra long. No one wants to meet then, they would rather eat," said Kim Mui, a senior. When asked if she ever attended an event during this time, either willingly or as prompted by a professor, she simply replied, "Nope, none." Ryan Lagomarsino, a junior, gave the college credit for coming up with a good idea. But after hearing what its original goals were, he said, "it did not accomplish any of those things. I wish it was the same as when I was a freshman and sophomore. I don't know why they felt the need to change it."

Lagomarsino brings up a legitimate question: Why was this Common Hour put into practice in the Muhlenberg community?

What many people don't know is that a similar tradition existed about 20 years ago. Historically speaking, Muhlenberg used to have what was known as "Coffee and Fellowship." On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the time between eleven and noon was designated for meetings, speakers, and just a break in the day. Sounds familiar, right? This practice was eventually abolished, however, and meetings were pushed to the five o'clock spot. But that time proved to be problematic for the increasing number of parents on the college faculty with child care responsibilities. As a result, the Registrar attempted to establish a schedule that blocked out a time during the week for these events to occur. It took over two years for the current schedule to be finalized! The college's Academic Policy Committee, composed of both faculty and students, voted for Common Hour to be put in place.

Since many students have voiced their discontent with the Common Hour, faculty organizers are trying to work with the Student Council to make necessary adjustments, Dr. Laura Edelman stated. A psychology professor, Dr. Edelman is in charge of organizing and facilitating events, as well as making sure Common Hour is being utilized properly. "Nothing will ever be perfect," she said, but she does hope that the little issues can be fixed in order for Common Hour to achieve its goals. Unable to find any students who spoke positively about this topic, Dr. Edelman provided a voice for faculty and

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What Mr. Muhlenberg contestants have to say

By Torie Paone
Executive Editor

1) "Why do you feel that should win the Mr. Muhlenberg crown?"

2) "What tactics are you going to use to win the crown?"

3) "Why do you feel that you best represent the school?"

4) "What do you love about Muhlenberg?"

The contestants of Mr. Muhlenberg answer the questions:

Conor Choi

1. I'm happy to be a part of the event, and thankful for the nominations that got me here. I doubt I really deserve to win over any of the other contestants, but I'm excited about the show and think it'll be a great time.

2. I'm going to play the guitar, I think it's all I have going for me, really.

3. I'm representative of the school because I take part in both Varsity athletics and our theatre program. Through these two activities, I've made a lot of different friends with a lot of different kinds of people.

4. I love the people at Muhlenberg.

Joseph Adams

1) I feel like I should win Mr. Muhlenberg because I represent the younger generation of Muhlenberg students. Why not have the new guy win?

2) My tactics to win the crown will be entertaining the crowd with my dancers and myself. We will be performing a dance routine where I am dressed in a bikini top and short swim shorts while the dancers will be dressed in more masculine clothing.

3) I feel like I best represent the school because, despite the fact of having a close group of friends, I still have a solid basis of other type friends on campus as well. In the words of George Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life*, "no man is a failure who has friends."

4) I love the fact that Muhlenberg has such a diverse group of people, and that whether they are part of a sports team, the theatre program, a frat/sorority, or a Pre-med student, at the end of the day, we all came here because we realized how special this place was when we first stepped on campus.

Alexander Zwetchkenbaum

1) I'm gonna put on a great show. I've been working hard getting ready, and I'm not gonna do something that I didn't think put me in the running to win.

2) I just want to have fun on Wednesday. I think if I can get everyone to have some fun, too, then I'll have a good chance of winning.

3) I think I'm a good mix of all that Muhlenberg has to offer. I've been involved with a lot of different aspects of the school and feel that I can represent those different groups of people and organizations.

4) I love the sense of community feeling that the small campus brings. We have a tight-knit community that really helps one feel at home.

Jeremy Menard

1. I feel that I should win the Mr. Muhlenberg crown, because I am a good representation of the everyday student here on campus. I am involved with several different organizations across several different concentrations. I have crossed paths with the majority of this college's student body and have been privileged to call most of them my friends.

2. To take home the crown, I am going to impress the judges with my various talents and simply just have fun with it. I have made several great friends at this school and would not be the person I am today if I never attended Muhlenberg. For my talent, I am going to have several of these people help me out, because with out them, I never would have dreamt of being a part of the competition in the first place.

3. I am a typical Muhlenberg "Average Joe." I take pride in my school work. I enjoy spending time with my friends. I am thankful to be a Mule, because it has made me the person I am today.

4. When I first came to Muhlenberg to tour the college's facilities, I was immediately drawn to the school's compact suburban campus. The buildings are very historic and make one feel as though they are at an institute of higher education. However, what made me finally decide to enroll here was the people that I met after the tour was over. Muhlenberg students have a noticeable enthusiasm for being a part of this campus community. As the weather has gotten warmer in Allentown, students have begun to spend their afternoons outside, absorbing the sunlight. Smiling faces and warm greetings are a staple at Muhlenberg College. The campus is what draws people in, but the people are what cause them to study here.

Oliver Katz

1. Do you know who I am?

2. Being me, myself, and I.

3. Born, bred, and raised Mule.

4. Main Gateeeeee.

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said that "scheduling issues have been made much easier as a result of Common Hour."

Although there is a clear difference in opinion amongst students and faculty about Common Hour, we can only hope that cross-campus dialogue and active engagement can fix the problems so that everyone is pleased.

Easter Break!!

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on April 5th at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on April 9th at 10:00 a.m.

(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with **written** permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a $25.00 per day charge. A Request To Stay Over Break Form must be submitted by every student who stays, including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, March 26th.. **Late requests will be subject to a $25.00 fine.** If you have any questions please call Residential Services at x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

Women's Week

All events are sponsored by the Women's Studies program, the Africana studies program and the Feminist Collective.
Schedule of Events

Schedule of Events:
Friday, March 23
Celebrate the Start of Women's Week
Kickoff Celebration, sponsored by Women's Studies and Africana Studies
4 to 6 p.m., Seegers Union, Room 111
Friday, March 23
& Saturday, March 24
The Vagina Monologues
7 p.m., Red Door Café
Tuesday, March 27
Feminist Collective Paint Wall
& Letter Campaign re: personhood legislation
All day, in Seegers Union
Wednesday, March 28
Not Just a Game: Power, Politics, and American Sports
A Faculty/Student Talkback with Professor Lanethea Mathews
7 to 8:30 p.m., Miller Forum, Moyer Hall
Reception to follow
Thursday, March 29
Jane Doe? Campus Sexual Assault Policies
Presentation and discussion, with Michelle Issadore, expert on sexual assault policies
5 to 6 p.m., General's Quarters Annex, Seegers Union
Thursday, March 29
Take Back the Night March
7 p.m. Victor's Lament
8 p.m. Speak Out, in Egner Memorial Chapel
Friday, March 30
LVAIC Women's Studies Conference
Lehigh University
Sunday, April 1
Film: Miss Representation
Viewing of the documentary film
Faculty/student talkback session follows
1 to 2:30 p.m., Recital Hall, Baker Center for the Arts

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Muhlenberg floats bond to raise Funds for Life Sports Center

by Scott Hoffman

Behind even the smallest college there lies an interesting series of financial strategies to which Muhlenberg College is not immune. In mid-March Muhlenberg floated a bond issue of $4,510,000 to raise funds to pay for construction of the new Sports Complex.

Because of Muhlenberg's excellent solvency the bond was given a triple-A rating, the highest rating allowed. The issue was sold through the J. M. Reeving & Co. and appeared in financial newspapers all over the country including the Wall Street Journal.

Sold to private investors in denominations of $5,000, the bond offered issues maturing any year from 1984 to 1987. Interest rates start at 8.5% for the earliest maturers and rising to 10% for the 1987 maturers.

Most issues were sold over the longer term to coincide with incoming pledges which will be collected by the college through the Muhlenberg Advancement Campaign.

The new expense of paying interest to investors was one of the reasons for the sizable tuition hike for next year. Another major reason was the new personnel needed to maintain and supervise the expanded athletic facility.

However, Claire Fetterhoff, Treasurer of the College, emphasizes the fact that next year's increase represents a step-up in tuition which should not be repeated in the immediate future.

The political situation which allowed Muhlenberg to float the issue is complex. Last September, the existing legislation related to this sale was the Municipal Authorities Act of 1948.

That act allowed hospitals, nursing homes and other facilities used by the public to float bonds for construction costs. The institutions would be considered non-profit and the money and interest collected would be tax-free by the government.

The bond must be approved by the county, however, and when Muhlenberg applied to Allentown it was told that the city must be able to dictate the hours, supervise the facility and keep it open for public use.

These terms were not acceptable to Muhlenberg officials so Muhlenberg used its influence in the Pennsylvania Legislature to sponsor a bill to allow colleges and universities to float bonds without County control. Other small schools in Pennsylvania rallied behind Muhlenberg and in late November the Senate passed the bill unanimously. The House amended the bill and passed it.

Unfortunately, Christmas recess slowed the momentum but in early January the Senate passed the amended bill and it went to the governor. Though the governor wanted to sign the bill, problems arose. The state colleges and universities objected because they were not included in the bill.

The bill had to be amended and sent to both Houses of the Legislature again. Finally, on February 8, 1982, Governor Thornburgh signed the "Muhlenberg Act of 1982."

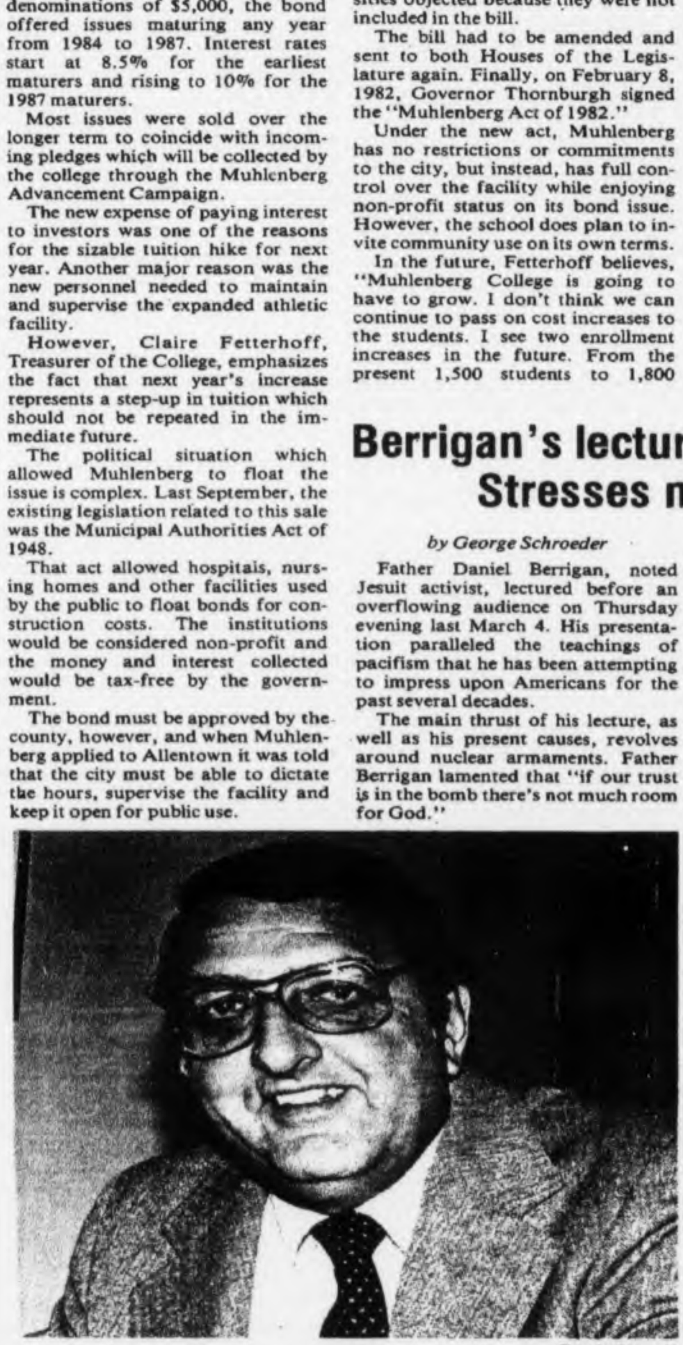
Under the new act, Muhlenberg has no restrictions or commitments to the city, but instead, has full control over the facility while enjoying non-profit status on its bond issue. However, the school does plan to invite community use on its own terms.

In the future, Fetterhoff believes, "Muhlenberg College is going to have to grow. I don't think we can continue to pass on cost increases to the students. I see two enrollment increases in the future. From the present 1,500 students to 1,800 students and from 1,800 to 2,400 students."

Though the increases in enrollment are long-term plans, the college must now seek opportunities for expansion of classroom and dormitory facilities. Possible ideas include moving all athletic fields to nearby areas and utilization of those fields for construction.

These changes will only take place when and if the number of applicants make them possible.

For the immediate future, the big question on campus next winter will be: Where should we put the new Library? The new Library is not slated until 1987 and any tuition increases attributed to it will not be born by any present or incoming students of next year.



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Claire Fetterhoff, Muhlenberg's treasurer, explains "Muhlenberg Act of 1982."

Photo by Greenwald

Dr. Joanne Mortimer investigates lecture series for coed celebration.

Coeducation at 'Berg reaches 25 years; Activities and events start in September

by Tammy Bormann

It promises to be a year of proud memories, joyful nostalgia and ambitious dreams as Muhlenberg celebrates 25 years of coeducation.

Although the 1981-1982 academic year marks the twenty-fifth academic year since women first were matriculated at Muhlenberg, the college community will begin to celebrate in September, 1982. A celebration committee, comprised of history professor Joanne Mortimer, French professor Carol Richards, education professor Ann Wonsiewicz-Schlecht and Student Body President Sue Michael, has begun to formulate plans and to make arrangements for next year's activities.

All campus organizations have received notification that the committee suggests that next year's campus activities reflect the theme of women at Muhlenberg.

Presently, Mortimer is investigating possibilities for a lecture series to be given by outstanding women who represent various realms of the modern woman's world. There will be a keynote speaker who will launch the celebration sometime in the early fall.

Betsy Kaplan, Director of Alumni Relations, plans to honor outstanding Muhlenberg alumnae at the 1982 Class Reunion. For the Achievement Awards Luncheon, a traditional reunion event, Kaplan hopes to honor a female with the customary Honorary Degree. In addition, she is in charge of locating Muhlenberg's 25 Homecoming Queens with the hope that they will return for the September 25 Homecoming Weekend.

Dr. Wonsiewicz-Schlecht explained that the Class of 1983 is seeking a female speaker for the Commencement Ceremonies and Dr. Graber, the Phi Beta Kappa Advisor is in search of a woman to deliver the society's annual address.

Concerning the Fine Arts, the celebration committee has asked MTA Director Charles Richter to select a theatrical production with women as its theme. In addition, the committee hopes that the Gallery Director who replaces Linda Weintraub will be interested in developing an exhibition of art by, of and for women.

George Custen, coordinator of the Cinematheque Film Series, has been asked to schedule films with female topics and Dance Club advisor Connie Kunda plans to center the spring dance club performance around the female mode.

When Muhlenberg went coeducational in 1957, *Life* magazine featured the college in an article complete with pictures of the first Muhlenberg females and the "abuse" they took from the male students. Bob Clark, Director of Public Relations, hopes to rent these photographs from *Life* for use as an exhibition in the Center for the Arts.

The Administration, which has

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Berrigan's lecture deals with nuclear armaments; Stresses need for dismantling of all weapons

by George Schroeder

Father Daniel Berrigan, noted Jesuit activist, lectured before an overflowing audience on Thursday evening last March 4. His presentation paralleled the teachings of pacifism that he has been attempting to impress upon Americans for the past several decades.

The main thrust of his lecture, as well as his present causes, revolves around nuclear armaments. Father Berrigan lamented that "if our trust is in the bomb there's not much room for God."

Berrigan pressed the urgency of this paramount problem by stating that we had "better settle the nuclear problem or we'll settle mankind." A significant observation of Berrigan's was that our preoccupation with the bomb not only leads to insecurity, but that it negates Christian teachings and is indeed the highest form of atheism.

By following older and higher teachings in Christianity Berrigan has often stood in conflict with the legal structure of the country he lives in. His unequivocal call to dismantle all nuclear weapons has led him to engage in civil disobedience as well as symbolic acts to clarify his message.

Due to the imperative need to generate a response to the "unjust" nature of nuclear weapons, Father Berrigan has been arrested on numerous occasions including the Ploweshares Eight incident.

Father Berrigan discussed much of his philosophy in relation to his involvement in the Ploweshares Eight in which a nuclear warhead was damaged when the participants struck it with hammers followed by the symbolic gesture of pouring their own blood over it.

In defense of his actions he exclaimed that "it's not our problem, as if they aren't your problem." The problem is universal and requires a response from the Christian community, although Berrigan stressed that he was just one voice imparting a message. Father Berrigan placed little faith in government structures to resolve the problem. He quoted Professor Falk, who spoke in defense at his trial, "The law is the law; and the law was the law in Nazi Germany," hinting that government can make horrid atrocities legal.

Berrigan has oriented himself to a higher moral and religious law, and he called Christians to break through the false security of nuclear weapons. He called this breakthrough a redemption and resurrection in the struggle to eliminate nuclear weapons.

In confronting this issue Berrigan finds hope and sanity in the Church. The problem is a "spiritual weakness that would rather make them [bombs] than dispose of them." Thus, his hope is that the Church, because of the teachings in the Bible, can offer a sanctuary where these views can be exchanged and elucidated.

". . . if our trust is in the bomb, there's not much room for God."

Father Berrigan may have raised more questions than he answered, but perhaps that was his intention; to raise the consciousness of those he was addressing to the exigency of resolving the dilemma. His conclusion that all weapons be dismantled struck many in the audience as utopian, but the message was clear: that this issue cannot be wished away by jailing those who raise questions about its need and about its catastrophic danger.

A poignant quote that typified Berrigan's sentiment was, "I'm trying to be a human being in a bad time."

WEEKLY Life!

> "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."
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> \- George Bernard Shaw

Alumni Spotlight

Ali Heffer

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

1) When did you graduate? What were your majors/minors?

I graduated in 1996 with a major in Psychology and a strong interest in Jewish Studies but just a few credits short of a minor.

2) Do you plan on going back to school to get an advanced degree? If yes, in what?

Immediately following Muhlenberg, I went to Bank Street College of Education in New York City, where I got a Masters Degree in Special Education with a concentration in Child Life in 1999.

3) What activities were you involved with on campus?

Jogging the memory on this one. I was most involved in Hillel, where I served on student board for all four years of school. I was involved in various forms of community service but I would say Hillel was where my heart was and where my time was spent.

4) What do you miss most about being on campus?

That's a great question! I miss having my friends right outside my door. My college friends are some of my nearest and dearest, who I don't see very often now. I would give anything to have them in close proximity again.

Ali is a certified child life specialist

Photo Courtesy of Ali Heffer

I also miss the friendliness of campus and having people who support you and encourage you to take a risk, and who will be there when you fall. Muhlenberg is a special place that is hard to replicate in the real world.

5) Is there something you appreciate about Muhlenberg now that you are no longer a student?

I appreciate so much, but I would say the opportunities to try new things, challenge your mind, and think outside the box.

6) What is your current job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.

I am a certified Child Life Specialist at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian. I work with critically and chronically ill children to decrease the stress and anxiety of being in the hospital.

I help explain illnesses and procedures to children and families in age-appropriate language, I prepare kids for procedures so they know what they are going to expereince, I provide opportunities for play in the hospital setting, I do end-of-life work with children and their families,

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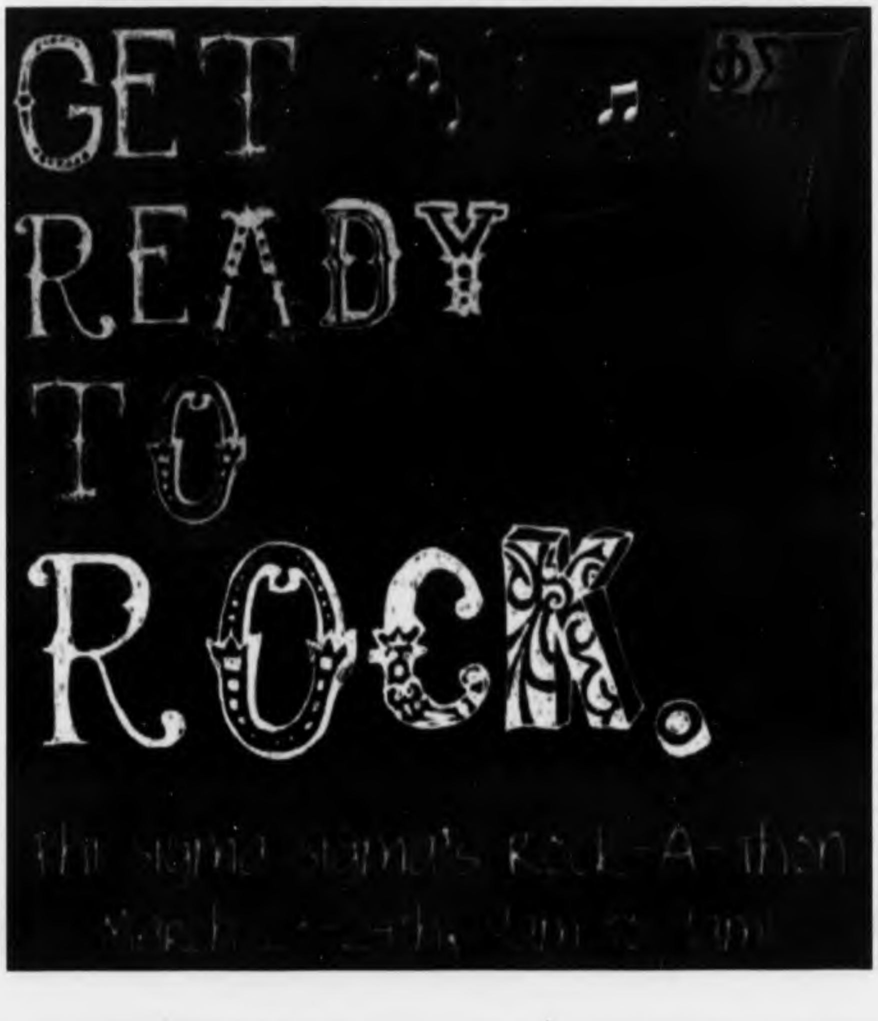


Phi Sigma Sigma's annual Rockathon fundraiser

By Elyssa Konowitz
Life! Writer

Phi Sigma Sigma's annual Rock-A-Thon fundraiser is fast approaching, and the sisters have been vigorously preparing for the event. Rock-A-Thon is a 24-hour event, which begins at 9am on Friday morning and ends at 9am on Saturday morning, and benefits their philanthropy, the National Kidney Foundation. The campus community is invited to the Fireside Lounge to enjoy food, music, and a raffle.

This year, the raffle will include items such as a 32-inch flat screen TV, a NOOK, an iPod shuffle, two tickets to Dorney Park, a Big Buddha bag, gift cards, and tons of other fun prizes. Later in the evening, there will be a concert featuring student performers Matthew Fagan, Alamance, Marc Jablonski, Molly Gottlieb, and Alex Gardner, as well as A Capella groups Dynamics, Noteworthy, Girls Next Door, Chaimonics, and the AcaFellas. At 10:00pm, students can enjoy a make-your-own cupcake event. After the concert, everyone is encouraged to participate in karaoke.

The sisters have been working very closely with the National Kidney Foundation to learn more about kidney diseases, and look forward to spreading awareness during the event. According to the National Kidney Foundation's website, Chronic Kidney Disease is a condition that damages kidneys and decreases their ability to keep the body healthy. The disease is so prevalent that about 26 million Americans have Chronic Kidney Disease, and most don't know it. The National Kidney Foundation is dedicated to preventing kidney and urinary tract diseases, and to increasing the availability of all organs for transplantation. More than 90,000 people are on the waiting list for a kidney transplant, and 10 people die each day while waiting for a kidney transplant. They also help people who depend on dialysis treatment, which is a process that is used for patients suffering from Chronic Kidney Disease.

Please help support the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma and the National Kidney Foundation on Friday, March 23. Get ready to rock!

Dear Panda Girl -

I'm starting to think about my future and stuff. My boyfriend and I are looking into getting jobs and living together after graduation. When I brought this up with my parents, they freaked out. They think we shouldn't move in together until we're married and my mom started telling me I'm being brainwashed into doing whatever my boyfriend wants and not thinking about myself. It has become a big falling out between us. Advice?

- In Love and In Trouble

Dear In Love -

This is a tricky stage in life - it's a balancing act of relying on parental advice and being an individual and making your own decisions. I think it would be beneficial to sit down with your parents, your boyfriend's parents, and him to talk it out. Try to be objective about the reasons your parents have for advising you against these choices. Have your reasoning for your decisions ready, so that you can answer any questions and concerns your parents have. Maybe they are concerned about something you haven't thought of.

Or perhaps you are more prepared than they realize. It is all about putting all options on the table and looking at them from all sides objectively. Try and respect your parents' reasoning, and ask them to respect yours. Don't make any decisions in that discussion- mull it over for a bit, maybe looking deeper into ideas and avenues you hadn't fully explored yet.

Most importantly, be calm and collected. Try to reserve any emotions in favor of rational thinking. It may be a natural reaction to be contrary when your parents give you an ultimatum, but try to be objective and inquisitive. This will show your parents that you are an adult who can handle issues in a mature fashion. It is your life. Only you know what is truly best for you. But your parents want what is best for you as well - they aren't out to get you or against you in any way. They want you to be happy just as much as you want to be happy. You love each other, remember that.

Best,
The Panda Girl

Send your letters to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or to box 2072

A taste of Cali in the Valley

By Kadeem Alston-Roman
Life Writer

Although the weather is warming up here in the Valley, sometimes it's nice to go somewhere where the sun always shines. How about California? If you are looking for an authentic experience of the West Coast swagger, don't bother taking a six-hour flight into LAX. Cali is truly only about a seven minute ride away from Muhlenberg…Cali Burrito that is.

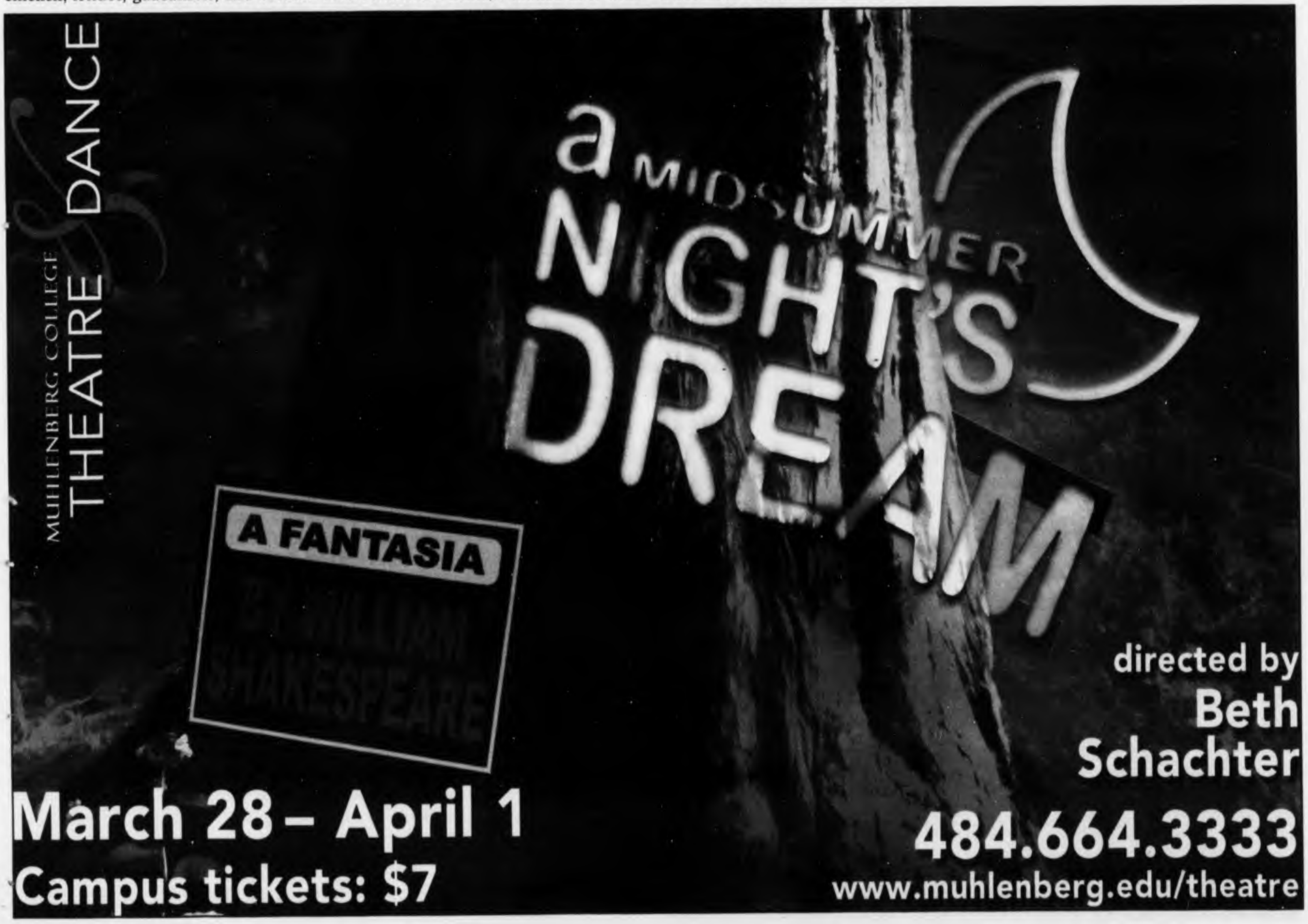
Cali Burrito, located on Hamilton Boulevard, is the place to go to for an ambrosial palate encounter. Although the word "burrito" is in their name, I highly recommend that you try their tacos.

Now, as a person who was not a fan of tacos at all; I must say that I was very apprehensive getting a taco. When I was taken there for lunch for the first time last year, I absolutely knew I was going to hate it. But, I was coerced, through love and tenderness, to try a taco. I got one called the Santa Barbara, which was filled with chicken, lettuce, guacamole, and cheese. When the order came, I looked at it with disgust. However, when those succulent flavors hit the surface of my taste buds, I was put into a frenzy…a frenzy of heavenly goodness. I had to have more.

When I went a few weeks later, I tried the Santa Diego. This consisted of deep fried fish and shredded cabbage. And what happened? *Frenzy*! Here I am, a taco hater, eating tacos as if it's 11:59pm the day before 12/21/12. I tried to ask myself why I love these tacos so much: Is it the fresh ingredients? Is it the cheese that is melted between the hard and soft shell tacos? Is it the hotness of the female cashiers? Is it the LA feel? Is it the free fixings? Whatever it is, I must admit that I am hooked.

And for all of those vegetarians out there, Cali Burrito was voted "Best Vegetarian" by Readers Choice. However, since I am not a vegetarian yet, I have not tried the vegetarian tacos. But I am sure that they are just as good as all of the others.

So, my brothers and sisters of the Bubble, I encourage you to venture off into the sunset and drive to Cali. I guarantee that your world will be blown away…way before December 12, 2012.



MAC announces this weekend's spring concert

By Hayley Galembo
Life Writer

The Muhlenberg Concert Board is happy to announce that their spring concert, featuring New-York based indie-pop singer and songwriter Ingrid Michaelson and rising pop singer Andy Grammer, will take place this Sunday, March 25th at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.

Known for her single *Be OK*, Michaelson has grown increasingly popular over the past six years. Her new album "Human Again" reached number five on Billboard's album chart. Her songs *The Way I Am*, *Be OK*, *Everybody and Maybe* have all landed spots on the Top 40 and Indie charts. Michaelson's music has appeared on popular television shows such as *One Tree Hill*, *Scrubs*, *Bones*, and *Grey's Anatomy* and in an Old Navy Commercial. Her music has also been featured in movies such as *House Bunny* and *Beezus and Ramona*.

Andy Grammer, known for his hit *Keep Your Head Up*, will open the show. He is a singer and songwriter known for his vibrant pop and rock voice. He spent two years practicing on the streets of Los Angeles with a car battery-powered amp and has made his way to the center of the music industry. His debut album topped Billboard's Heatseekers chart last summer. This February he played a solo show at World Café Live in Philadelphia. He has performed on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and *Live with Regis and Kelly*, and appeared as a special guest with Taylor Swift and Colbie Caillat.

Tickets will be on sale in the lobby of Seegers Union during this week. Pre-concert discounted prices are $10 for students, $15 for faculty, and staff. Tickets for the general public are $20 and can be purchased through www.muhlenberg.tickets.musictoday.com or by calling (800)-594-8499. All tickets will be $20 on the day of the concert.

Let's talk dirty! Kinky & Safe Sex 101

By Zaraya Wade
Life Writer

Muhlenberg College's SQuAd (Students for Queer Advocacy) attended the True Colors Conference at the University of Connecticut this past weekend, which offered an array of workshops that intersected with tons of different interests.

Two workshops in particular caught most of our eyes, which discussed poly-amorous relationships and kinky sex. There were workshops on a variety of topics, ranging from religion and sexuality to kinky sex. The workshop discussing sex was not only entertaining; it was educational, as well.

This workshop, titled Sex in the Dark, allowed the audience to openly discuss sexual desires and fantasies. We discussed our own personal lives as well as how our sexual desires were shaped. A few members of the audience, including myself, admitted that porn shaped our desires as well as mutual masturbation. It was an environment where the most outrageous of the outrageous was admitted; fantasies of being tied up with barbed wiremade the top. The opportunity to talk about taboo topics such as "kinky sex"was freeing. Maybe it was due to the safe environment that was established through preconceived rules, or that fact that everyone was generally intrigued with the conversation. But either way, students were able to talk about the good, the bad and the kinky. Some information that I want to pass on to the members of the Muhlenberg community is this:

1) Communication of expectation is essential if you are going to get freaky!

2) Knowing your partner's name may help in really enjoying *good, kinky sex*.

3) *Protection, protection, protection*! Whether this is in the form of a safe word or contraception, protection is important.

Although this may be information our campus knows already, it never hurts to reiterate it. Having sex with whips and lube is totally normal. Hell, even throwing in some costumes during sex is not out of the ordinary. This workshop taught me to totally embrace my sexuality and the desires that come along with it (as if I haven't been doing that already).

The True Colors Conference allowed members of SQuAd to bond and to start dialogue with each other about sex, personal desires, fantasies and other concepts about sexuality that aren't normally discussed openly. Besides encountering different personalities, SQuAd was able to learn about the life styles of transgendered persons and members of LGBTQ community nationwide. SQuAd was able to bring representation to UConn, Muhlenberg style.

The LCWS Experience

By Annie Kouba
Life Correspondent

Lizzy Stoner is a Muhlenberg student, but right now she's also touring the White House, watching the President take off in Marine One, and working daily as an intern at the Environmental Protection Agency. Stoner is participating in the Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS) program. In LCWS, students from Lutheran colleges and universities from all over the country come together and take classes, go on field trips, and gain valuable work experience at internships related to their interests. Stoner has always been an environmentalist, so working for the EPA was her first choice of internships.

She works in the office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, which means she gets to work with leaders in state and local government. Most recently she was assigned a project that required her to take published material for a local government advisory committee and condense it into an easily usable fact sheet. She's even been given the opportunity to shadow people that have jobs similar to her interests. Outside of her internship, Stoner has been involved in all of the aspects of what it meansto be an LCWS student. She is currently enrolled in two classes: Business & Public Policy and Washington Through Cinema. She says that she enjoys both of these classes and that she has gained an "interesting perspective from her professor, who is a working professional in policymaking." She is also particularly enjoying her cinema class, because she has never had the opportunity to take a film class before, and now she is being afforded the chance to learn more about the city she currently lives in and about film.

Another important aspect of LCWS is the field trips. Thus far they have visited the Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Pentagon, and had various museum trips and speakers, including a session with a Holocaust survivor. Stoner also had the unique experience of watching President Obama depart from the White House in Marine One. This was possible because of a previous LCWS student who now works in the White House; connections like these truly set LCWS apart from other study abroad programs.

Stoner has also been utilizing her spare time to fulfill other Dean's requirements like volunteering at a local animal shelter and attending protests. There is so much to do in DC that there is never a dull moment. From taking the conveniently located metro into the city for a night with friends to relaxing in the penthouse condos, everything about the program is new and interesting. "I feel like I'm going to take home a certain amount of confidence about what I'm going to do after I graduate," Stoner says. "I hope I'm going to take home some connections that are going to help me later on in life. It's nice to be sure that if I do somethingrelated to what I'm doing now I'm going to like my job." The Lutheran College Washington Semester brings together the best of academics, job experience, connections and simply living in our nation's capital. It is truly an experience apart.

To find out more about the Lutheran College Washington Semester, visit the website at www.washingtonsemester.org, or contact Dr. Kish-Goodling at Muhlenberg.

The Lorax: Film Review

By Amy DeNitto
Life Writer

Dr. Seuss' book *The Lorax* was released as a computer-animated musical comedy film on Mar. 2—the date that would have been the author's 108th birthday.

As the third Dr. Seuss film released by Universal, *The Lorax* tells the tale of Ted Wiggins (voiced by Zac Efron), a pre-teen boy living in Thneed-Ville on his quest to find a real-life tree in hopes of winning the love of his crush, Audrey (voiced by Taylor Swift).

On his journey, he meets the Once-ler, who shares his tragic tale of his power-hungry businessman days, which led to the extinction of Truffula Trees - and, in turn, to the plastic artificial society that is Thneed-Ville - and describes the desperate attempts made by the Lorax (voiced by Danny DeVito) to save the tree. Interestingly, the film not only acts as a whimsical and entertaining children's movie, but also as a sort of public service announcement, calling viewers to think about sustainability and environmentally friendly lifestyles. In the film, since all the trees had been killed, air was the highest selling product. People lived in homes with cement lawns and inflatable shrubbery—never truly experiencing what nature had to offer. Like the 2008 Disney/Pixar film *Wall-E*, *The Lorax* brings to light devastating situations depicting how the world could be in the future if people continue to mistreat the environment.

While many critics praise the film for its environmentally friendly message, some have claimed that the message had little to do with saving the earth and was merely "anti-corporate satire." However, despite these criticisms, *The Lorax* had the biggest opening for an Illumination Entertainment film ever.

Although the movie strays from the actual story written by Dr. Seuss, the additions made for a clever film adaptation with a worthwhile message sure to please audiences of any age.

Writing a feature

By Nicolette Miller
Life Writer

In 1942, the US had just entered WWI against the Axis Powers. Eight out of ten boys who graduated from high school went into the war. Muhlenberg College had 515 students, all males. When these students graduated, they would be referred to as "war babies," and most of them would end up serving. In 1942, my grandfather was a Mule.

Muhlenberg's library is stacked with yearbooks dating back to over a century go. The further back you browse, the more worn and tattered the pages are, but their contents hardly cease to intrigue. The pictures may be colorless and the layout somewhat bland, but the history within these pages sparks a mixed reaction of familiarity and foreignness.

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While flipping through the 1942 edition of Ciarla, I noticed stylish plaid sport coats, unrecognizably short athletic shorts, and feather capped fedora hats. That hat was a fashion statement my Poppop sported until 2007, when he passed away. I imagined the faces I saw on the different pages as my grandfather's friends, walking together down academic row to their next class...only this path consisted of just three academic buildings and had no Seeger's Union at the end. The clock tower stood in its glory as it does today, only without any clock at all - and, consequently, with no familiar chimes at noon and 6:00pm. The bare fields surrounding campus show the absence of th efreshman dorms, our nationally-ranked theater program, and the Life Sports Center, the home of our 22 varsity teams. In the midst of all the open space, I notice the lack of soccer fields and, throughout the athletic pages, the corresponding absence of a soccer team. These two things, which have been a focal point of my college career over the last four years, were something my grandfather never experienced.

Our liberal arts status, which features our extensive art studios, innovative dance teams, and impressive theater, eventually branched from what were merely four male cheerleaders 70 years ago. With a giant cardinal "M" displayed across their chests, they supported the football team to wins over Gettysburg and other conference rivals that we still love to beat. Much like today, the school was full of athletes in 1942... the minor difference being the track cindermen, the wrestling matmen, the football, cross country, and basketball players would all in their near future trade in their Mule jerseys for an army uniform. It was during my grandfather's senior year at Muhlenberg that Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, immediately resulting in the United States' entrance in the war. He may not have been an athlete, but on October 14, 1942 when he enlisted for the army, my Poppop became a fighter.

It's my final year at Berg. At my age, my Poppop had already graduated and was ready to go overseas to serve. The last time I was overseas, I was studying abroad in Ireland, having the time of my life. Every day I walk through campus, taking steps my grandfather once took, but in a completely different world. I picture my grandfather, vice president of the chess club, in his nice suit and tie, carrying his books by his side as he passes the large factory building that we now know as the Farmer's Market just as the sun starts setting behind the city buildings, on his way home in time for dinner. He grew up in Allentown, an Allen High School graduate, so there was no need to spend money that his family didn't have on room and board. Today, the campus is filled with dormitories and residence halls, or students rent local off-campus houses to live with their friends and teammates. The upperclassmen proudly inherit houses that, over time, have taken their sports' names. What's a college experience without living with your friends?

I continue to explore through the pages of the old yearbook and see the proud faces of the members of the Dean's List, which students still receive recognition for today. The activities pages revealed the newspaper committee diligently working in the office to print out the next edition of the Muhlenberg Weekly, whose name has managed to stick. I even discover images from the Senior Ball, the same ball seniors still look forward to after all the Pub Nights are over and Senior Week begins. The girls in the pictures, who I assume are from a neighboring college, have fancy up-dos and frilly dresses, and the guys have slicked-back hair and snazzy suits...a very different style than what you'd see there today, but the same Ball nonetheless.

I'm not sure if I'm surprised at the commonalities that have held on over the last half century, knowing that Muhlenberg values tradition. In a very different world, as a student just like myself, my grandfather called this campus his own and experienced some of the same things I do today. Knowing this has made me closer to him than ever, years after he passed away.

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and the list goes on and on and on. The children I work with have neurological issues, cardiac issues, or are in need of cardiac transplants. There is no day that is ever the same in my job, which I love.

7) What has been your biggest accomplishment, in your work or personal life, since graduating from Muhlenberg?

Personally, I would say it is being an aunt to an amazing four-year-old niece and a one-and-a-half-year-old nephew, and watching my father still serve on the Board of Trustees with the same dedication and passion to Muhlenberg that he had when I was a student. Professionally, I would say it has been being named Employee of the Month a few years ago at the hospital.

8) What is your commute like?

My commute is about 45 minutes by bus and subway.

9) What was the transition like from being a student to working full time?

The transition from student to working full time was tough. You are responsible for showing up somewhere at set hours and cant choose what those hours are. You can't choose when you have vacation, you are told how much vacation time you get, and you are a low man on the totem pole. Working full-time, paying bills, and doing grocery shoppping, doing work at home for your job while trying to have a social life is far more difficult and can be much more exhausting than being a student if you can believe that. Gone are the days of studying in Trexler Library and then hanging out with friends.

10) What are some tips you would give to students looking for jobs?

The biggest tip I would give students looking for jobs is to be flexible. Think about the skills you have acquired and how those skills can be applied to a variety of different jobs. Also, dress professionally when interviewing; we do look at how people dress, so dress professionally. Listen to all the useful tools you learn at career services; they know what they are talking about.

11) How do you stay connected to Muhlenberg?

I stay connected to Muhlenberg by remaining involved with Hillel, by attending alumni events in New York City, and by maininting friendships with certain faculty and staff members.

12) Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?

The biggest piece of advice I would give a freshman is to enjoy every minute of your big experience, because it goes by in a blink of an eye. Before you know it, you are walking across the stage accepting your diploma, wondering where the last four years went.

Shamrock spirit, Acafellas style

By Alison Diamond
Life Writer

The pulsing sound of beat boxing and the harmonies of the Acafellas ushered in the holiday weekend for many 'Berg students. The Red Door was packed for the Acafellas' St Patrick's Day concert on Friday night. To celebrate this most sprightly of holidays, the all-male a capella group sang classic 'Fellas covers in new genres. A polka-style "Brown Eyed Girl," a Broadway rendition of "Keep Your Head Up," and an R&B take on "Aaron's Party" – not so guilty pleasure, anyone? – were among the performances in an impressive hour-long concert.

A shamrock

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The theme drew on the appeal of hearing familiar music in new and different ways. When Ingrid Michaelson sings Radiohead's "Creep" or The All American Rejects cover Britney Spears' "Womanizer," the original songs are transformed – for better or worse – into an altogether new piece of music. The nostalgic opener, "Supernova Girl," however, stayed close to the original; the megastellar genius of Disney Channel songwriters is not to be messed with.

As we move into spring here at 'Berg, a capella groups are sure to be performing at campus events and in their final concerts for the academic year. Their performances are great opportunities to de-stress and appreciate the talent of fellow students. s

Great start to the season

By Eric Dobler
Sports Writer

The Mules' baseball season started off on a positive note as they won nine of their first ten games. In their next six games, however, they played .500 baseball. Their record stands at 12-4, with their next games coming up at home against Valley Forge Christian and Albright.

This past Wednesday, the Mules took on the Penn State Berks and defeated the Nittany Lions by a score of 9-8. Junior Outfielder John Muha delivered a game-changing two-out RBI in the top of ninth, which was the game winner. Muha finished with four RBIs. However, the Nittany Lions formed a rally of their own as they loaded the bases. Junior Pitcher Ryan Rechten however struck out the side as the Mules reached 10 wins. Freshman Outfielder Jimmy Cody started off the game with a triple and Senior Outfielder Nick Busillo would add two hits and two runs scored along with a RBI.

The next game, against Susquehanna, was not what the doctor ordered for the Mules. They were shut out by a score of 9-0 and only had four hits. Freshman Catcher Nick Plinio accounted for two of them and Sophomore First Baseman Andy Doolittle and Busillo added the others. Doolittle's was the first of his career.

On St. Patrick's Day the Mules played a double header against the Penn State Berks. The Mules want on to sweep the double header by the scores of 7-3 and 11-9. Their 12 wins are one more than Muhlenberg had all of last season.

In game one, Sophomore Third Baseman Nick Kennedy contributed three hits and a RBI. Freshman Infielder Chris Manfredonia added two hits and two RBIs as Freshman Pitcher Christian Ferlan received the win with six quality innings of two run baseball. Freshman Pitcher Austin Cush closed out the final three innings to seal the deal. In game two, the Mules and the Penn State Berks put on a shootout as the Mules finished with 17 hits. The top of order of Cody, Muha, and Junior Joseph Vila, consisted of 9 of the 17 hits. Sophomore Shortstop John Scuderi added a couple of RBIs and Freshman Zach Hoffman finished off the game. s

The Mules look to continue their winning ways with four games in the upcoming week.

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A “special” Saturday

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NCAA Division III is engaged in a partnership with Special Olympics this year. According to the NCAA Website, the purpose of the partnership is to improve the lives of Special Olympics athletes through their involvement with Division III student-athletes and to foster a mutual learning experience between Division III student-athletes and Special Olympics athletes.

On Saturday, four Mule athletes representing four sports (field hockey, volleyball, basketball and softball) and field hockey coach Megan Eddinger paticipated in a Special Olympics event. Junior Devon Barber filed this report:

Most people would argue that beautiful Saturdays aren’t meant to be spent inside - except the members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee who spent a great St. Patrick’s Day afternoon at Jordan Lanes for the Special Olympics Lehigh County Bowling Event.

> *“Special Olympics Lehigh County provides year-round sports competitions, such as for basketball, gymnastics, track and field and more, for adults and children of a variety of ages. For this event specifically, the bowling winners had the chance to advance to different competititions.”*

Coach Eddinger, Brittany Blohm, Kate Clawson, Erica Wenzel and I all hopped in a mini-van behind Martin Luther Saturday morning to head over to the alley. After a much-needed stop at Dunkin Donuts, we arrived to find that we missed a memo. We were all dressed in Muhlenberg t-shirts, but many of the athletes were dressed in St. Patrick’s Day attire. One of the staff members even had a green beard! Still, we were welcomed with open arms by the staff, athletes and the local Girl Scouts who were helping out as well.

The staff seemed stressed from the beginning and we were a bit nervous. The reason behind this tension was because there were 96 bowlers that we had to keep track of! Bowlers were either playing individually against other bowlers in the same lane, or there were two teams that were competing against each other in opposing lanes. It was handled pretty smoothly, though, as the competition started at 1:00 on the dot.

The national anthem was played after the reciting of the Special Olympics Oath:

“Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.”

It was pretty powerful to hear all of the athletes say this oath before they began bowling. It represented a lot of what Special Olympics Lehigh County is about, where their philosophy asserts the athletic spirit of courage and joy, as well as giving those with disabilities the opportunity to share their skills and friendship with the community as a whole. Special Olympics Lehigh County provides year-round sports competitions, such as for basketball, gymnastics, track and field and more, for adults and children of a variety of ages. For this event specifically, the bowling winners had the chance to advance to different competitions, so it was safe to say that the contest was fierce from the get-go.

Coach and Kate were assigned to keep score for the lanes that had a battle between two teams. Erica, Brittany and I were placed on reward duty, so we got the chance to sit back and watch a couple games before we had to turn on our math brains to add up the scores.

The bowlers were allowed to practice a bit before the scoring started. We were a little confused to see how even though they were on different teams, they switched back and forth to each other’s lanes between turns. I could see Coach starting to get uncomfortable because we all didn’t really know what was going on. Coach asked one of the bowlers, Christina, to explain the switching of lanes. She claimed that this is what they have been doing for weeks, so they knew that what they were doing was correct.

Christina went on to explain how the bowling event that we attended was actually the end of an eight-week series, where bowlers competed every weekend since sometime in January. Bowlers that were at this event were allowed to compete to move onto the next competition if they were present at at least five of the eight weekend events. With this being said, the athletes took control, and quickly moved from the practice round onto their competing games.

It was fun to walk back and forth between games to see how well they were doing. One of the bowlers, David, was angry about one of his scores, 130-something mind you, which is way higher than I would ever get personally. I told him I celebrate when I break 100 and he laughed at me.

It was certain that these athletes were in it to win it, although the more serious bowlers were also balanced with those who were there just to have a good time. It showed because they were the ones that were making jokes with us and taking pictures with us. Kate especially looked like she was having a great time, as she was surrounded by two teams of all happy-go-lucky bowlers. All in all, it was fun to take photos, laugh, and just watch and learn as they racked up impressive scores.

At the end, Erica, Brittany and I were in charge of adding up the scores and distributing the ribbons. I think Erica would agree when I write thank goodness for calculators! The scores were added and a ribbon was presented to each bowler representing first, second, third or fourth place, with their names and individual scores written on the back.

It was an amazing feeling to see how excited they were to receive their ribbons from Brittany for any place that they got. It really allowed me to think back about why I started playing sports in the first place: for the happiness I feel because of it.

Kate Clawson said, “Overall, the experience at the Special Olympics bowling event this Saturday was very rewarding. Interacting with the athletes was awesome. They were all such great sports and that’s something I really admired about them, as they admired us for volunteering our time.”

I think generally we were just happy to interact with each other, especially on such a fun holiday and a beautiful day. It was something that I’ll always remember, and wouldn’t hesitate to do it again.

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Women’s Lacrosse

Sat. 3/17 vs. Franklin & Marshall, L 9-8

Baseball

Fri. 3/16 at Susquehanna, L 0-9
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Season preview: Men's golf hopes to go low

COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

A week spent playing some of the nicest courses in sunny Myrtle Beach might sound like a relaxing way to spend Spring Break. But for the Muhlenberg men's golf team, the trip south was about much more than just having a good time and enjoying the weather.

The Mules used the trip to focus on fine-tuning their games and prepping for the spring season. And if the scores they shot in South Carolina also made the return trip to Allentown, senior Jon Heppen believes the team will be more than ready to go low when it begins the spring schedule tomorrow afternoon at the Dickinson Spring Invitational.

Heppen said thanks to the new swing simulator installed in the Life Sports Center, the Mules were much closer to in-season form than they have been in the past.

But he added that the simulator has its limits. They can't practice sand shots or hit out of deep rough. The wind also does not play as much of a factor as in real life, and putting is not the same. That's why Heppen said it was so important to get plenty of time on the course during Spring Break.

"We got a lot of good playing experience and played some great courses in Myrtle Beach," Heppen said. "I think we played really well. We weren't 100 percent there yet because you can't hit every shot on the simulator, but compared to past years we were ahead of where we usually are. I definitely think that's going to be an advantage."

Heppen, along with classmates Matthew Cohen and Zack Meyers form the nucleus of a squad that features a good balance of experience and talent.

Cohen returns to the team after studying abroad in the fall. He posted a 79.1 scoring average last spring, one of three Mules to average sub-80, and finished in the top 10 at the Lehigh Valley Cup. Meyers, meanwhile, posted five straight sub-80 rounds in the fall and led the team at each of their final four tournaments.

Zack Meyers on the course

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Junior Brandon Davis also returns from studying abroad. He broke 80 in five of his eight rounds last season, including low rounds of 71 and 72.

Finally, the sophomore Chrises, Chris DiMaio and Christopher Lucarelli, have shown the potential to shoot low numbers. They both finished in the top 10 at the Moravian Fall Invitational where Lucarelli tied for third with a 76 and DiMaio tied for 10th after carding a 78.

But while the talent and ability is there, Heppen said the key to this season, as it always is on the golf course, is consistency.

Last year, the Mules led after the first day of the Centennial Conference Championships before finishing third for the third straight season. So if the senior class wants to reach the goal that has eluded it thus far, Heppen said he and his teammates will need to be strong not only with their drives and putts, but with their mental approach as well.

"We are really committed to winning the conference this year," he said. "We feel like we've been really close every year, and as a senior class, we definitely want to end our careers with the championship.

"We need to learn from the past and realize if we have a bad hole we just need to put it behind us and move on. We've got a really good group, and we're playing pretty good right now. We're really focused this year and can't wait to get started."

Men's lacrosse comes up short against Franklin & Marshall

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The three-leaf shamrock has become one of the main symbols of St. Patrick's Day. Unfortunately for the Muhlenbergmen's lacrosse team, three turned out to be an unlucky number in its Centennial Conference opener against Franklin & Marshall.

James Coleman on the field

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Playing in front of a loud and energetic Scotty Wood Stadium crowd, the Diplomats jumped out to a three-goal lead, which turned out to be the final margin as they grabbed an 8-5 win.

After spotting F&M (6-1, 1-0) its early advantage, the Mules used a pair of quick tallies late in the second quarter to get back in the game.

Freshman Jon Thomas scored a man-up goal 1:27 before the break, then junior Ian Jones won the ensuing faceoff, beat the midfielders into the offensive zone and rifled a shot into the back of the net just 10 seconds later to make it 3-2.

But the Dips scored with 12 seconds left in the half and added the first three goals of the third quarter to pull ahead by five.

The Mules (2-5, 0-1) would not go away however, and junior Doug Rheiner scored his team-high 16th goal of the season with 2:07 left in the third.

Then junior long-stick defenseman James Coleman caught a pass from senior Corey Aferiat in front of the crease, turned and beat the goalie to make it 7-4 a little more than five minutes into the fourth.

But that would be as close as Muhlenberg would get as the two teams traded goals to close out the game. The Mules held a 43-28 advantage in shots, but only a 21-19 edge in shots on goal.

Making the first start of his career, freshman goalie Adam Schlauch made 11 saves, including several from point-blank range.

Jones won five of his 10 faceoffs, and senior Jay Salasko forced a game-high two turnovers.

Strong second half pushes F&M past women's lacrosse

COURTESY OF MUHLENBERG ATHLETICS

For 30 minutes, Irish Eyes were smiling on the Muhlenberg women's lacrosse team as it hung with No. 8 Franklin & Marshall.

But any St. Patrick's Day luck ran out at halftime, and the Diplomats flexed their top-10 muscle, scoring the first five goals of the second period en route to an 18-9 win.

The two teams traded goals for the first 10 minutes before F&M (4-1, 1-0) rattled off three straight to go up 6-3 at the 16:26 mark. But the Mules (3-1, 0-1) responded, scoring four of the next five goals to pull even 6:13 before the break.

Sophomore Michelle Certosimo started the rally with a pair of goals sandwiched around an F&M tally. The first came on a free position shot and the second off a pass from senior Kelsey Elmer at the 8:06 mark.

A little more than a minute later, Elmer found junior Alex Bellini to pull the Mules within one, and then freshman Stephanie Umbach buried a feed from sophomore Ally Shaffer to tie the score at 7.

But the Dips reeled off a 7-0 run spanning halftime to take control and hand the Mules their first loss of the season.

For the second straight game, Certosimo and junior Molly Davin recorded hat tricks. They also each added an assist to their three goals to help the Mules surpass their combined scoring total from the previous two meetings with F&M.

Molly Davin on the field

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Freshman Stephanie Umbach scored twice for her third multiple-goal game of the season and also led the team with five draw controls and three ground balls. Junior Tiffany Kreider stopped a career-high 10 shots in goal and picked up three ground balls.

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Season Preview: Men's tennis looks to improve in tough conference

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When Jordan Rutt was a sophomore, he was moved to the No. 1 singles spot for the Muhlenberg men's tennis team after starting his rookie season at No. 6. It was an impressive climb up the ladder, but it came with a price.

"It's a tough conference, and there are a lot of good players. I get my butt kicked a lot," he said.

"By now I'm not afraid of the experience. I've learned to deal with it a lot better. I'm really enjoying tennis a lot more now and trying to make the most of my last year."

That last year begins in earnest for Rutt and his Mule teammates with a match at The College of New Jersey on Sunday (they played a match against Division I Lafayette before Spring Break). Muhlenberg has its Centennial Conference opener next Saturday at Gettysburg, and like Rutt said, it is a tough conference, with five teams ranked in the top 15 in the preseason regional rankings.

The Mules will take on their challenging schedule with a lineup that mixes veterans and younger players. Rutt is back for a third year at No. 1, with fellow senior Andrew Brod at No. 6. Sophomores Jason Teitelbaum and Ben Berkowitz return at No. 3 and No. 4, respectively, with freshmen Daniel Lakhman and Eric Chavis rounding out the lineup.

"The freshmen are very talented," said Rutt. "We have the potential to be stronger. Everyone's been playing better, and we've been more intense at practices. And the team is closer than ever. We're like a big family."

Most of the family members experienced success in the fall. Rutt and Teitelbaum combined to go 4-1 at No. 1 doubles, Berkowitz reached the consolation final at the ITA Southeast Regional, and Lakhman and Chavis both went 5-2 in singles action. If they can keep up that level of play, Rutt could really enjoy his senior year, regardless of how many butt-kickings he's absorbed.

"If everyone plays up to their potential, we have a chance to be a contender for the playoffs," he said. "I'd love to make the playoffs in my senior year."

Senior Andrew Brod on the court

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Senior Jordan Rutt on the court

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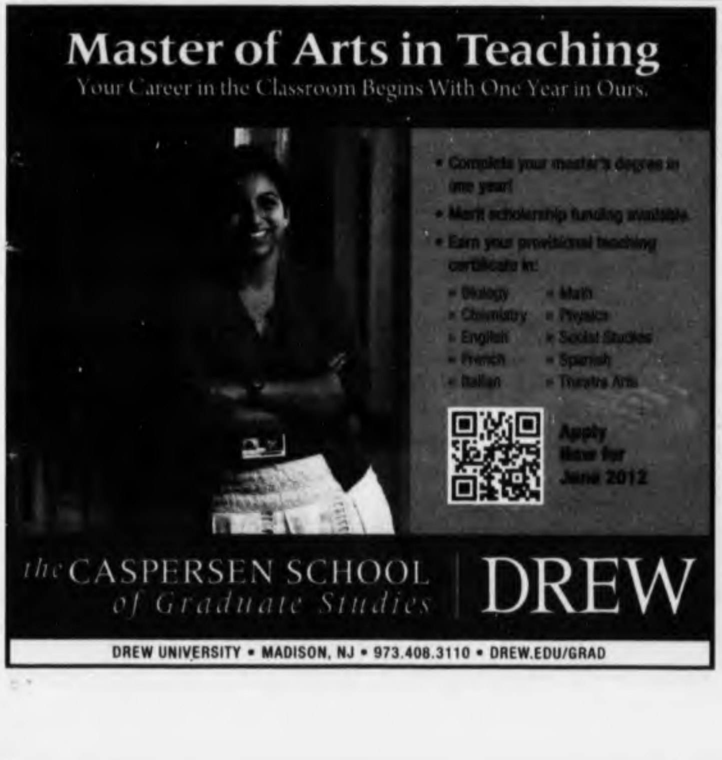

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Imagine a world without the Weekly...

This year for our annual April Fool's issue we decided to deviate from our usual comical content making fun of various campus problems and celebrities to take this opportunity to make a statement. There are no articles in this issue because we have been having great difficulty getting students to be involved with the *Weekly*. So you can look at it and wonder all you want about the articles that go with these pictures because we had no one to write them. We chose to do this to give the campus an idea of what it would be like if there were no articles, no campus safety notes, and no spelling errors or grammatical mistakes for you to sit and criticize with your friends. But really, stop and think about this for second. Do you want to go to the one of the only colleges in the country without a newspaper?

The lack of student participation has been very hard for us to deal with and accept because we are so invested in the success of the *Weekly* and want nothing more than for students to be involved. There have been several points during the 2011-2012 academic school year when we almost could not publish an issue due to lack of content. This breaks our hearts; because we love the *Weekly* and have a really hard time understanding and accepting this.

For those of you who only get the paper to criticize it we would appreciate it if you channeled your criticism into writing an article, because the only way to accurately criticize something is to be part of it. However, without the help of the student body, the paper cannot continue. There is only so much work that three or four people can do to ensure that there is a paper every week. We feel grave pressure to publish a paper every week for a campus that we know enjoys it, but we need your help. Finally, we'd like to give a shout out to everyone who has helped to make the *Weekly* have articles and not just pictures!

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Freshman represents 'Berg at Human Rights Campaign Philadelphia gala

By Jennifer Freed
News Editor

On Sat., Mar. 24, a dimly lit ballroom erupted in applause when freshman Chelsea Montgomery-Duban stepped up to the microphone. As in many speeches before, Montgomery-Duban was prepared to speak on behalf of the Human Rights Campaign, but this time, she was surrounded not only by her two fathers and fellow advocates, but also her new family, Muhlenberg College. Montgomery-Duban invited a little over 20 of her friends as well as Associate Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, Melissa Falk, and Hillel representatives Patti Mittleman and Gil Schpero, to the Human Rights Campaign Annual Gala at the Ritz Carlton in Center City, Philadelphia.

Montgomery-Duban, a proud Human Rights Campaign advocate, has been speaking for HRC events across the United States for the past couple of years.

In November, she had the opportunity to represent the campaign as well as the College at an HRC event in Washington D.C. alongside President Obama. Montgomery-Duban speaks for her family's freedom as well as for the future. Although her speeches are always inspiring, her Philadelphia speech was one of her best.

The Montgomery-Duban family have been Federal Club Members and avid supporters of the work of the Human Rights Campaign for 15 years. They are inspired by an organization that works tirelessly for every lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender person to insure that no one in their community goes without equal rights. Montgomery-Duban has taken on the fight for equality by partnering and speaking out at many HRC events.

The Human Rights Campaign represents a force of more than one million members and supporters nationwide. As the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights organization, HRC envisions an America where LGBT people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest, and safe at home, at work and in the community.

Up at the podium, Montgomery-Duban looked out at the sea of Muhlenberg faces and said, "It was comforting to immediately recognize that my school was a welcoming one, and the perfect one for me, where LGBT students are treated with respect and are an everyday part of our diverse student body. We have two organizations on campus that not only provide resources to LGBT students, but straight allies and friends also. It really has become my second home and I'm adjusting well."

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A new approach to health at Muhlenberg: PHAM

By Jessica Chu
News Writer

Peer Health Advocates at Muhlenberg (PHAM) is a new student organization dedicated to working with and connecting existing departments and organizations on campus to lead the "community in adopting health promoting behaviors by sustaining a health culture on campus." PHAM serves as an extension of the Health Care Center and the Public Health program and is collaboration between academic and student life. PHAM supports the College mission to educate the "whole" student and provides a laboratory for the application of public health theory and research. The organization was the brainchild of a team of students—Jessica Chu '12, Anna Hill-Moses '12, and Hannah-Rose Mitchell '11—taking Dr. Kathy Harring's Health Psychology course. This group collaborated with the Director of the Health Center, Brynnmarie Dorsey, MSN, CRNP, to create health promotion programs for the College students as part of their Service Learning experience.

While researching effective methods to promote health and wellness to a young adult population, the team found numerous studies citing the ability of peer health promotion to positively influence students' health beliefs, perceptions, and behaviors. Passionate about advocating for health and wellness, they extended their service-learning experience into a healthy campus initiative.

The power of peer health promotion was evident when over 250 campus members attended the Spring 2011 Wellness Fair. Partnering with the College Health Center to plan the event, Chu and Mitchell increased student involvement by inviting members of MCEMS, EnAct, Active Minds, and other student leaders to participate in the fair.

Football players Victor Taiwo '12, Karl Colder '12, Kenny Cobb '12, Shae Fahey '12, and field hockey players Courtney DeAngelis '12, Brittany DeAngelis '12, and Renee Norton '12 discussed and demonstrated proper weight lifting techniques to their peers. Christy Alvaro '11 developed a program as part of a course assignment aimed at testicular cancer prevention and discussed her work with students, faculty, and staff at the Wellness Fair. Margaret Vallone '12 and Melissa Katz '11, also in Dr. Harring's Health Psychology class, paired up with Sodexo Dining Services to introduce SlowFood, and with Turning Point of Lehigh Valley to discuss domestic violence with peers, respectively.

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Who Am I?

Enter to Win!

I only get sports updates from the college's website. I used to have a lot more sex, but now I only get kinky sex once or twice a term. A long time ago, I was vibrant, but now I am dull and colorless. My only excitement comes from drunk kids getting transported to the hospital every weekend. I love going to the theatre and the occasional Allentown restaurant, though after a while it becomes repetitive. There was once a time where I was picked up by both men and women, but now I am left in a corner to watch people stare into the empty space as they sip their cappuccinos. A very long time ago, I came around the college monthly, but now I am here weekly. I always provide inspirational quotes, but I fear no one is inspired by me anymore. People pay money to get inside me, but sometimes they are overwhelming in size. No one knows where to find me, or how I came about, but I am always around watching people pass me by like yesterday's news. Sometimes students share their opinions with me, but I don't respond. For awhile, people tried to quote poetry to me, but after a while I didn't like it. I love news, but unfortunately there haven't been any lock downs to speak of. My size fluctuates often--it really depends on the week and the year. As people have become uninterested in me, I have become uninterested in them. For example, I no longer care about the food complaints or about student's vacations. My favorite day is Thursday, because that is when I make my big debut. Tuesdays are quite hectic because I get worked on. I get handled by some people and I tend to rub off on them. These are the folks that come back for more.

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Letter to the Editor

A recent Weekly editorial chastised the College for not alerting students about a murder that took place at 19th and Allen Streets. As the person charged with the responsibility of sending the text message alerts, I can tell you that the murder was not discovered by the Allentown Police Department until a considerable time after it had occurred and that the College was not informed about it until the news was published in the Morning Call.

Campus Safety Chief Bob Gerken followed-up with APD, who assured him that "at no time was anyone in our campus community in danger as a result of this incident." They assured him that the College would have been contacted if there was anything that we needed to know or prepare for.

Again, the campus community should know that the College's absolute top priority is the safety of our students, faculty and staff. However, it seemed pointless to send out a bulletin several days after an incident had occurred when there was no immediate danger to neighbors or students.

Mike Bruckner
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Rush Hour Century

By Ian Hassan
Op/Ed Writer

Have you ever stood or sat overlooking a major highway, interstate, or just a busy road for a few seconds and thought to yourself, "Wow, look at all those cars!" or something along those lines? If you live anywhere in the United States, the chances that you haven't are very slim. We are, simply put, a nation that runs not on donuts or coffee, but cars. America's love affair with the automobile started early in the 20th century and hasn't stopped since. You could call it romantic, but I don't. It's hard to imagine a world without cars, nearly impossible to imagine life without one. How would you get to the grocery store? How would you get to work? What would you use to pick up a friend or a date and go somewhere like the movies? But more importantly, how would our economy function? Without cars and trucks, our mass-produced, quick and easy consumer society as we know it wouldn't exist. So how does one go about putting down cars if they're so "wonderfully" useful? Because, they're also so 'wonderfully' destructive.

The first and foremost problem in mind regarding the perils of automobile use and overuse is the plethora of environmental problems that they create. The internal-combustion engine has come

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Trayvon Martin:
Yep, it's about race.

By Joshua Clement
Op/Ed Writer

On Feb. 26, 17-year-old Trayvon Martin was shot and killed by George Zimmerman. Martin was found unarmed, with only a bag of Skittles and an iced tea in his pockets. Zimmerman was part of the neighborhood watch; he called the police reporting that there was a suspicious individual in his community and that he was going to follow him, although the dispatch officer he was talking to said that it was unnecessary for Zimmerman to pursue the individual. There was a scuffle, a cry for help, and then a gunshot.

At this point there have been no arrests made and no charges pressed. These are the facts, the ones everyone knows about in this case that has taken over the nation. Now lets talk about what everyone else is trying to avoid: The reason why Zimmerman has not been arrested, and the reason that Trayvon Martin lost his life comes down to one thing: Trayvon Martin was black.

It has been said that this was not a hate crime for a multitude of reasons: Martin attacked Zimmerman and it was an act of self-defense; Zimmerman is half-Latino, so it couldn't have possibly been racially motivated; it wasn't that Martin was black, it's that he was wearing a hoodie—hoodies are to blame for this. These are not true. Let's pretend that Trayvon Martin was John Martin, a 17-year-old white boy, and that he was walking along a neighborhood at night. John Martin is still alive because he is not a cultural symbol for a criminal. John Martin does not translate to a delinquent upon first sight; he is just John. Listen to the tapes; when Zimmerman is talking to the dispatch officer he says, "they always get away" and under his breath quite audibly calls those who get away "f***ing coons." Listen to the tape of the neighbor calling 911 because there is someone screaming for help outside. You won't soon forget it; I know I won't be able to. It's the sound of a young man pleading for help, a single gunshot, then no more cries for help. The tape of a young man dying.

Somehow this story is being fabricated into one of self-defense, that George Zimmerman was locked in a life or death struggle with Martin. The alleged story is that Zimmerman got out of his car and was assualted by Martin. The 250-pound Zimmerman was overtaken by the 140-pound teenager, and then Zimmerman shot in an act of self-defense. Interestingly, this would fall under Florida's Stand Your Ground Law, which says that a person has the right to use deadly force on those who seem about to attack them within their "castle," which extends to public areas, and gives killers the benefit of the doubt even if they do not first attempt to retreat. This is why Zimmerman has not been arrested yet, as this is an obvious case of life-or-death struggle. Zimmerman was under attack by Martin, and now Martin is dead.

So let's play the game with John Martin again, except now Zimmerman is black. We have a black man follow and stalk a white teen, and engage him in an argument or fight. The white teen fights back; the black man shoots the white teen killing him. If this happened, Zimmerman would have been arrested immediately; if the Stand Your Ground Law provision affected him, he would be explaining it from prison. But Zimmerman doesn't matter; he is only a product of a system. Zimmerman may actually get away with this and with a limited amount of jail time. These things happen in America. Go on YouTube and look up Oscar Grant. He was unarmed and was shot and killed by a police officer right on camera. The officer served 146 days as "he thought he was using his taser and not his gun."

This is the society we live in, the kind where George Zimmerman remains free. The kind where our media is racially skewed to over-represent black criminals over white ones. The kind where the notion of a black criminal is completely internalized within our culture, and to prove it, we put them in jail in wildly disproportionate numbers, especially for non-violent crimes.

When Zimmerman saw Trayvon Martin, he had a racial Rorschach test, and what he read was a threat that must be handled. This was incidental racism, an event that was only made possible by the systems that we live in. It was motivated by race and can only be seen as murder.

This is a story worthy of rage and anger, but is important to remember that it is not something new or happenstance. It happened for a reason, and that reason is the culture that we live in. The same one that we reaffirm when we claim we live in a post-racial society and try to find excuses for why Martin was killed. We are not colorblind. The racist structures are still there.

Tim Wise, a white anti-racism activist, said, "I feel that perhaps we who are white should remind ourselves, before we jump on either bandwagon, that, unfortunately, we are much less like Trayvon Martin and much more like George Zimmerman. And that is the problem."

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a long way since the Model T, but the truth of the matter is it is more-or-less the same beast, and it is a burden. Cars today do have mileage and emission standards, that much is true and good, but they aren't enough. A list of the chemicals that are emitted from one cars tailpipe could probably compete with a Harry Potter novel in length. True, the amount of these chemicals is small, microscopic even, but then there is the numbers factor:

According to the US Bureau of Transportation Statistics for 2009 there are 254,212,610 registered passenger vehicles in the country. That's quite a few cars puffing out the opposite of helpfulness. Because of these emissions the world is plagued with pollution problems that most likely have a direct effect in the realm of climate change. But even on the smaller level they harm us, and in direct view of our very eyes. Smog clouds, gas stains on the ground, environmental destruction (both because of road construction *and* continued use of the automobile itself), and generally unhealthy air to breathe, are just the tip of the iceberg.

Another important part of the automobile and its use dwells in where we get our fuel: good ol' gasoline. It doesn't matter if you're a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or even a Martian. It is a *fact* that we get a good portion of our gasoline from overseas, particularly the Middle East, where we are currently fighting a war. What is so hard to realize for some is that it makes sense to be over there, guarding what we need (whether or not it is justifiable and moral is a different story). Or perhaps it is just embarrassing to admit. Regardless, if it wasn't for the United States' addiction to black gold or there would be a very different situation over in Iraq, Afghanistan, etc. Violence is never a good thing, and if we weren't dependent on oil and gasoline there would certainly be much less of it.

A third part of the trifecta of the automobile and its destructive power is the immensely negative effect it has on human health directly. Americans have a love for cars that goes unmatched throughout the world. We drive *everywhere*. I've heard of and I know people who regularly drive to class here at Muhlenberg, where everything is within 10 minutes' walking distance, maybe 15 or 20 if you walk slowly. But for things like trips to the grocery store (the closest of which is Giant), a car is pretty necessary. This unforunate fact is most certainly part of, if not *the* reason why so many Americans are unhealthy. Obesity, as we all know, is a very big problem here, as are heart and lung problems. Why is this? We don't exercise. Why don't we exercise? Well, part of it is that we don't walk anywhere! Why? We drive everywhere, of course! Americans walk approximately 5,117 steps a day, according to the *New York Times*, which is far less than the average in other first world countries like Switzerland (9,650 steps), Australia (9,695 steps), and Japan (7,168 steps). Another problem that automobiles create in this category of daily exercise is simply the danger and hazards of walking or biking when there are millions of huge metal boxes on the road. I can personally say, as someone who bikes quite frequently, that I am often deterred from biking because of the hassle of dealing with all the cars on the road and, essentially, in my way. Now, I've never been hit by a bike but that danger exists too, and pedestrians, whether they be walking or biking, do not have air bags and are certainly more likely to be harmed by cars then those in the cars themselves. Another problem that I touched on is the air pollution problem. If someone takes the time out of their day to brave the outdoor arena of cars to exercise by walking or biking, they are inadvertently inhaling all these dangerous chemicals! So even if you are proactive and don't go with the flow of immobility (by way of exercise, not cars) in America, you still get punished/harmed by the automobile!

Cars are a fantastically efficient way to get from point A to point B not only for everyday people driving, but also for the economy, which is the foundation upon which we build our lives.

However, the environmental problems, as well as the economic ones (like war), and public health concerns that arise far outweigh the benefits. It's not easy to envision a world without cars; at the moment, it would be impossible. An entirely new infrastructure would need to exist to supplant the automobile and gasoline. But we need to start working on it or we will pay in the end. That too, is a fact.

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Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 19 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The individual was issued a new sticker.

Mar. 19 – Institutional Vandalism – At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of vandalism. A window was broken. Plant Operations was notified to repair the window. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 20 – Found Property – On Chew St., there was a report of a found Kindle. The item was later returned to the owner.

Mar. 20 – Larceny/Theft – In Parent's Plaza, there was a report of theft of four folding chairs.

Mar. 20 – Threats – On campus, there was a report of threats. The Dean of Students was notified.

Mar. 20 – Institutional Vandalism – In Trexler Library, there was a report of vandalism. Several toilet paper dispensers were broken. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 20 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Mar. 20 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Mar. 21 – Larceny/Theft – In Trexler Library, there was a report of theft of a bag. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 21 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found credit card. A message was left with the owner to pick up the card at the Campus Safety office. The card was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 21 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost jacket.

Mar. 21 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 23 – Found Property – In the Prosser Hall parking lot, there was a report of a found wallet. A message was left with the owner to pick up the wallet at the Campus Safety officer. The wallet was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 23 – Indecent Assault – Off campus, in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, the campus community should know that the Department of Campus Safety received a report from a student of an indecent assault. The incident occurred in the early morning hours of March 23, 2012 at an off campus location. The suspect was known to the student. The Department of Campus Safety urges the community to be alert and take steps to protect yourself. One step to protect yourself is to use a buddy system when you go out with friends, agree to keep an eye on one another and to go home together.

Mar. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to heat from a curling iron. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 23 – Found Property – In the Prosser Hall parking lot, there was a report of a found cell phone, ID card, and money. The items were later returned to the owner.

Mar. 24 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. Allentown Police Department responded. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 24 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 24 – Assault (Aggravated Injury) – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of an assault at an off campus location. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 24 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, there was a report of theft of a cell phone. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 24 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 24 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Possession of drug paraphernalia, stolen property, and a fire safety violation were also noticed. A non-student will be issued a Letter of No Trespass. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Seegers Union, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 25 – Harassment – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of harassment.

Mar. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 25 – Lost Property – In Prosser Hall Annex, second floor, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Mar. 25 – Lost Property – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Mar. 25 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2259 Turner St. (building #1, first floor), there was a report of vandalism to a retaining wall.

Mar. 25 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost iPod.

Mar. 25 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of an injured student.

Mar. 25 – Institutional Vandalism – In East Hall (D Block, third floor), there was a report of vandalism. There was a broken fire extinguisher and glass. Plant Operations was notified to clean the area.

Mar. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 417 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. Allentown Fire Department responded. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 26 – Injured Student – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student will go to the Health Center in the morning.

Mar. 26 – Larceny/Theft – In the Life Sports Center, there is a report of stolen posters. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 26 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 26 – Hit and Run – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of a hit and run. The individuals were identified, spoken to, and exchanged insurance information. There was no further incident.

Mar. 27 – Found Property – In Trumbower, first floor, there was a report of a found flash drive. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The flash drive was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 27 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2216 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 27 – Found Property – In the Trexler Pavilion circle parking lot, there was a report of a found key. They key was given to a locksmith to identify the owner. The key was placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 27 – Suspicious Activity – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of suspicious individuals. Campus Safety officers checked the area. The suspicious individuals were not located. Allentown Police Department was notified and responded.

Mar. 29 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student will go to the Health Center in the morning.

Mar. 29 – Injured Student – In Seegers Union, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Mar. 29 – Hit and Run – In the sorority parking lot, there was a report of a hit and run causing damage to paint on the vehicle. The investigation will continue.

Mar. 30 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a sick student. Cetronia was called and it was determined that there was no need for Muhlenberg College EMS.

Mar. 30 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker.

Mar. 30 – Intoxicated Person – Off campus, there was a report of an intoxicated individual. Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital and Allentown Police Department arrested the student for Public Drunkenness. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 30 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found cell phone. The item was later returned to the owner.

Mar. 31 – Sick Student – In East Hall (A Block, first floor), there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Mar. 31 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 31 – Injured Student – In the Trexler Pavilion, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 31 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. The residents were spoken to and the house was cleared. There was no further incident.

Apr. 1 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Seegers Union, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS, Allentown Police Department, and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the individual to the hospital.

Apr. 1 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On Tilghman St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department arrested the student for Underage Drinking. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 1 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of vandalism. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to clean the area.

Apr. 1 – Found Property – On Chew St., there was a report of a found vehicle key. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The key was placed in the lost and found locker.

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Montgomery-Duban is double-majoring in Dance and Theatre with a concentration in Musical Theatre. Her elegance and professionalism on stage both in productions and out are undeniable. At the HRC Philadelphia Gala, Montgomery-Duban spoke about both of her fathers as well as her time at Muhlenberg. At school, besides her dedication to both the Theatre and Dance departments, Chelsea is an RJ Fellow, a Campus Delegate, a Tour Guide, and a member of the Perks dance team.

Along with her diverse array of responsibilities on campus, it has been a pleasure watching her grow in her work off campus. Her speeches resonate and she has quickly made a name for herself here at Muhlenberg.

Chelsea Montgomery-Duban and friends at HRC Gala

Photo Courtesy of the Montgomery-Duban Family

Montgomery-Duban's passion for HRC and for her new community at Muhlenberg go without saying.

For those who do know Chelsea, her radiant presence and positivity make everything so much more enjoyable, and for those who do not know her, in the next three years, I am sure it will be hard to miss her enthusiasm for anything she becomes involved in.

Although the HRC Philadelphia gala was one of many opportunities for Montgomery-Duban to speak passionately on behalf of a cause she will continue to fight for, her ability to recognize the College at the event as a home that has cultivated and fostered her leadership, connectivity, and ability to express herself was definitely an honor to hear for all who attended.

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teamed up with the Public Health program, currently directed by Professor Chrysan Cronin. Brittany Reardon '11 and Dr. Barrett of St. Luke's Sports Fellowship talked about discussions with students. Emily Wolff '12, Stephen Moore '13, and Caitlin Norcross '11 tackled college binge drinking. Meanwhile, Courtney Condit '12, Arianna Barres '13, and Anna Gogos '13 presented their project on HPV and the increasing rate of oral cancer. Other volunteers, Hannah Oros '14, Katie Henley '11, and Matt Voluck '11, served as Wellness Fair Ambassadors.

The 21 members of PHAM, selected after a rigorous application and interview process, participated in peer educator training during the spring semester and attended national and regional conferences. In addition to their weekly training sessions, they organized several health promotion events. To support safe sex practices, PHAM conducted a "dorm storm," offering students male condoms, female condoms, dental dams, flavored lubricant, and chocolates. Baskets containing these contraceptives and chocolates were also delivered to the Greek organizations on campus. PHAM also used this as an opportunity to tell their peers about free HIV testing dates and STI testing available at the Health Center. Two weeks ago, they sponsored "Self-Defense for Spierer" with the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, the Department of Campus Safety, and Active Minds.

Currently they are partnering with MCEMS and Sodexo Dining Services to plan a Heart Healthy Burrito Lunch, to take place on Thurs., Apr. 26. In addition to serving the balanced and nutritious meal, EMTs will offer their services by taking blood pressure. PHAM is also working with Chief Gerken, and plans to collaborate with Anita Kelly, the Director of Counseling Services, and Jane Schubert, the Assistant Dean of Students and Judicial Officer, to review the Amnesty Policy with the goal of better communicating this policy to students to increase utilization.

PHAM, already attracting students' interest and receiving positive feedback, is just beginning their healthy campus initiative. To create a culture in which the pursuit of health and well-being is valued, PHAM hopes to change health beliefs and attitudes by opening up the dialogue about health and developing effective prevention programs grounded in evidence based research, and to build a caring and healing support system. They are looking forward to collaborating with student organizations, departments, administration, and the rest of the Muhlenberg community.

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Baccalaureate Speaker Shira Kleinman

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In August of 2008, the College excitedly welcomed the Class of 2012. Unfortunately, almost four years have passed since the Class of 2012 sat in Enger Chapel during the Opening Convocation that closed their first weekend on campus and provided their first impression of the College. Many members of the Class of 2012 probably remember bits and pieces of their Convocation-perhaps the person they were sitting next to became their best friend, maybe the person was someone they never spoke a word to again, or maybe they were too nervous for their first day of college classes to listen to a word. Regardless of the experience they had at their Convocation, they have some memory of the ceremony and definitely remember what they were wearing. As the Class of 2012 begins to start mentally preparing for the fact that they will not be returning to campus in the fall, it is also time to start thinking about one last tradition at the College that they will be experiencing. This tradition is the Baccalaureate ceremony that begins Commencement Weekend. According to the College, " Baccalaureate is an inter-faith candle lighting service that begins the Commencement Weekend activities for our students and their families. In addition to readings and music offered by members of the class, President Helm will address the gathering and a senior will give a sermon."

Shira Kleinman

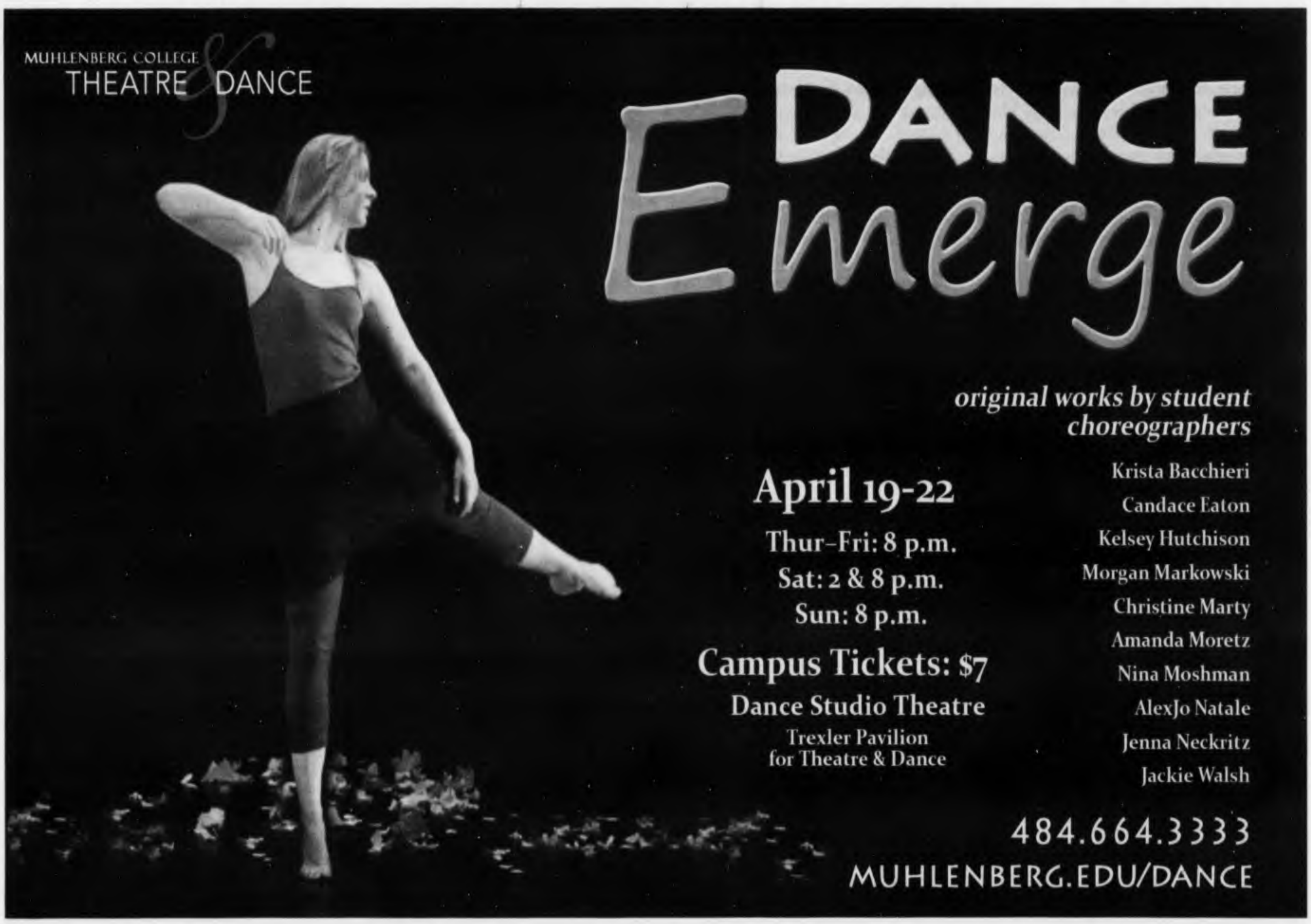
Photo Courtesy of Shira Kleinman

The College understands the importance of this ceremony and, for this reason, the student speaker is very carefully chosen by college administrators and faculty. The selection process begins when candidates write speeches. A selection committee then has an anonymous reading, to ensure there are no biases, and selects the best speech. This year, the Baccalaureate speaker will be Shira Kleinman.

Shira is a psychology and religion studies double major and is currently the Presidential Assistant of Religious Life. She said, "One of my favorite college experiences, while it is hard to pick one, has been finding a home at Hillel. I have been able to make great friends from day one, and they have provided me with great opportunities, not just in the Hillel home but with alternative spring breaks, meeting different community members, etc." When Shira was asked why she wanted to speak at Baccalaureate, she responded, "I wanted to speak at Baccalaureate because the actual service focuses a lot on the students and is a great time for reflection on the past four years. Although it is not affiliated with a particular religion, it does have a more religious undertone and it's something I value a great deal." Shira says she does not want to give away too much of her speech, but that will be discussing a lot about how to leave your mark and carry yourself into the world post-Commencement. Also, she says that Muhlenberg has helped her grow and learn but in many areas outside the classroom. Shira commented further, "It is that growth and learning that has helped me understand how I want to act when I leave this place, and only now, looking back on the past four years, do I truly understand how Muhlenberg played a role in gaining that understanding." Moreover, when Shira was asked if anyone who influenced her during her college experience will contribute to her speech, she commented, "There has not been one person in particular that has influenced my time here. There have been several key people that I have interacted with, but the most influential people that helped me to write this speech was thinking about the friends that I have made here and how important they are to me, and how important they have been in my college process, and I wanted to do this speech justice for them!"

Also, in order to prepare for giving the speech Shira says, "I am going to have to read it over many, many times. So many that my roommates and parents will probably have it memorized. In addition, I am meeting with Chaplain Isabelle to go over the speech and learn more about the tone of Baccalaureate. And, of course, I have to find a new dress!"

In the fall Shira is moving to Israel to work for a high school study abroad program called Eisendrath international exchange, a Jewish study abroad program for sophomores and juniors. She believes that speaking at Baccalaureate is a cool opportunity to really be a part of the graduation process, to reflect on the past four years, and to thank everyone who helped make it all possible. The Class of 2012 will gather for Baccalaureate on Sat. , May 19 at 8:30 pm on the front lawn.



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Alumni Spotlight

Dustin Stein and Jodi Siegel-Stein

By Samantha Langner
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Siegel-Stein and Stein

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1) When did you graduate? What were your majors/minors?

•Dustin: I graduated in 2001 with a Double Major in Biology and Self Designed Major: Religion and Political Theory.

•Jodi: I graduated in 2001 with a Major in Political Science and a Double Minor in History and Philosophy.

2) Do you plan on going back to school to get an advanced degree? If yes, in what?

•Dustin: I have a couple of advanced degrees. I got a Masters of Art in Political Science from Lehigh University in 2002. I also earned a Masters of Art in Judaic Studies from the University of Connecticut in 2005 and a JD from Cardozo School of Law in 2006. I would like to finish my Ph.D. in Political Science.

• Jodi: I went back to school in 2003 and received my JD at Brooklyn Law School. As of now, I do not plan on going back to school as a student.

3) What activities were you involved with on campus?

•Dustin: At Muhlenberg, I was a President of Cardinal Key, Vice President and Academic Chair of Delta Tau Delta, Treasurer of EnAcT., Secretary of the Ribbon Project, a member of Hillel, work study in the Biology department, and I played tennis for a year.

•Jodi: I was very involved in Student Government. I served as Student Body Treasurer my sophomore and junior years, and Student Body President my senior year. I was also a Delta Zeta sorority sister. I was a campus tour guide and a member of Hillel.

4) What do you miss most about being on campus?

•Dustin: I miss the camaraderie and the general pursuit of intellectual knowledge on campus. The campus is beautiful and I live in NYC now, a city that does not have the natural beauty of Muhlenberg. The City is amazing and the architecture is inspiring, but Muhlenberg has that relaxed feeling where you can be comfortable anywhere.

•Jodi: That is hard—I miss so much! Being with all my friends 24/7, walking along academic row on a beautiful day, knowing every face that I saw (that doesn't happen in NYC!) and waking up late, to name a few!

5) Is there something you appreciate about Muhlenberg now that you are no longer a student?

•Dustin: There are a lot of things you appreciate about your youth. I think not enough students engage with the professors. The faculty is very strong and available and they are there to support the students intellectual and academic inquiries. I miss the ability to talk with professors for such long periods of time.

•Jodi: I knew from the moment I stepped on campus that my college experience would be the best four years that I had experienced up to that point, so I definitely did not lose sight of that throughout my time at Muhlenberg. However, at the time I did not realize, or appreciate, that the connections that I made at Muhlenberg (with administration, professors, and friends) would be lifelong. I have now known my best friends for fifteen years—you don't meet people post-college who root for you on every step of your journey. The friends, administrators, and professors that I have kept in touch with are still looking out for my best interests and are still my go-to support system. I am a Godmother to the son of two Muhlenberg alumni, Louis Dominic Mattielli (a real cutie); and, in fact, the day before I had our son, Max, now eight months, I was hanging out with Patti Mittleman at Riverside Park in Upper Manhattan, meeting with current and former Muhlenberg students for a picnic. Patti was even texting me throughout my labor (she was sending me words of encouragement—like "don't forget to breathe!" and "you are going to be a wonderful mom")! These connections are truly incredible and definitely something that I did not appreciate while I was at school.

6) Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?

•Dustin: Sleep less while you are at school. Figure out a way to travel on your breaks. Keep positive. Learn to challenge yourself. I think Muhlenberg gives students the opportunity to be as ambitious as they want. It is the first time in most students' lives that they set their schedule and do not have their parents telling them do this or finish your homework, so it is a unique opportunity to craft not only your identity but your work ethic. If students want to sit in their room all day and do nothing they can, but they also have the option of being active and learning and engaging the Muhlenberg community.

•Jodi: Realize that these four years are incredible, so make the most of them. Find out who you are by becoming active in on-campus groups. Take chances and run for president of an organization. You are young—get off you butt (you can sleep late but don't watch TV all day—TV is not going anywhere)! Socialize and meet everyone you can (maybe you will meet your future husband/wife). Take advantage of your professors and soak up the information they are dishing out inside and *outside* of your classes. Attend meetings to explore your interests. Just get involved! Although you are in the "Muhlenberg Bubble" now, you are making connections that will help you throughout your life. And life is not like college (not even a little!), so you will need all the help you can get after you graduate!

7) What is your current job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.

•Dustin: I have a couple of jobs. On most days I am an art attorney and I advise clients on the purchase and sale of paintings and works of art. I also am an adjunct professor of political science.

•Jodi: I am an attorney working in the field of Land Use Law at Wachtel Masyr & Missry LLP. My firm represents real estate developers in New York City. We inform our clients of the various as-of-right buildings they can develop in accordance with the New York City zoning regulations; and we assist our clients in obtaining discretionary land use approvals so they can develop buildings that are not in accordance with the zoning regulations. I am also a registered New York City lobbyist. In that capacity, I represent developers at community board meetings, with borough presidents, at New York City Council meetings, with the New York City Department of City Planning, and at

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the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals. I also assist clients in navigating the complex New York City Department of Buildings and the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission, as well as other City and State agencies such as the Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department of Environmental Conservation. I have also represented clients on both sides of "community benefit agreement" negotiations.

8) What has been your biggest accomplishment since graduating from Muhlenberg, work or personally?

•Dustin: This is a very difficult question. Personally, it is definitely the birth of my son. In terms of work, I think teaching students is more important than any transaction I helped solidify or any case that I litigated.

•Jodi: I have had several great accomplishments, but by far my biggest accomplishment was having our son, Max—he is awesome!

9) What is your commute like?

•Dustin: I take the E subway uptown from one block outside our apartment in Chelsea to 5th Avenue and walk up to 65th St.

•Jodi: We live in Chelsea, so I get on the E train, which is two blocks from our apartment, and take it 6 stops to 53rd and Lexington – a total of 25 minutes door to door.

10) What was the transition like from being a student to working full time?

•Dustin: It was a gradual change for me because I was in graduate school for so long. When I was an undergraduate, I always did work-study and taught Hebrew school. In graduate school I increased my tutoring hours, and was basically working 30 hours a week, but it was never a set schedule. Having a set work schedule is difficult. Getting up early and prepared for the day can be really challenging. That is why it is important to have a job you want.

•Jodi: It is very different, but I was ready and excited for it. It is more like being a student at law school than a college student. It is a lot of long days (9am to 7pm or later), and even some weekends. I have pulled two all nighters in 6 years--that reminded me of college.

11) What are some tips you would give to students looking for jobs?

•Dustin: Grades matter, but networking matters more. Who you know is very important in getting a job.

•Jodi: There is a fine line between persistence and annoyance. Walk it carefully, but walk it! I waited 9 weeks to hear whether I got my current job, but I called them every week to remind them that I was very interested. It obviously paid off!

12) How do you stay connected to Muhlenberg?

•Dustin: My wife and I graduated Muhlenberg the same year. We try and go back to visit at least once a year, and donate to the Hillel house. We also led a Birthright Israel trip in the Winter of 2012 with 40 amazing and inspiring Muhlenberg students. Also many of my closest friends are Muhlenberg graduates.

•Jodi: We keep in touch with our Muhlenberg friends constantly. Dustin is much better at it than I am, but we make time to meet up with our friends, with administrators and professors. We email and text a lot and Facebook of course. Last January (2011), we took 40 Muhlenberg students to Israel on Birthright – it was an amazing experience and we now have a connection with those 40 students, many of whom we keep in touch with regularly.

We also try to visit when we can. Max has already visited Muhlenberg and, of course, he loved it!

From 'Berg to nation's capital

By Melissa Bodnar
Life Writer

On a daily basis, Drea Anastasio '13 is bombarded with numbers, dates, and information. At the political magazine *The American Prospect*, her world revolves around facts, their accuracy and, at times, their inaccuracy. Anastasio is a fact checker, a valued part of the *Prospect's* team. Her job consists of verifying all of the facts and figures of the stories that constitute the *Prospect* each month. Without her, the magazine's accuracy and, as a result, reliability could be compromised.

As an English and Political Science double major at Muhlenberg College, Anastasio's internship perfectly blends her love of writing with her interest in government and political systems. Her job does not come without its fair share of stress, however. Anastasio says, "It's difficult to navigate how to handle situations in which you need to tell someone who's been writing for years that they've made an error and need to rewrite their story." Though this is the most challenging aspect of her internship, it is also what Anastasio most appreciates. Anastasio has legitimate responsibilities, and the work she is doing preserves the credibility of the *Prospect*. "If I make a mistake," Anastasio continues, "it is a real mistake that can hurt the magazine."

Obtaining this type of valuable work experience was the motivation behind Anastasio's decision to participate in the Lutheran College Washington Semester program. Students in the program live in the dynamic and historic DC area, working full time at their internships in addition to taking two night classes and participating in weekly field trips. For Anastasio, the best part is the internship. Having been in DC for a little over two months, Anastasio's internship has already given her more insight into what she'd like to do after graduation. Working at the *Prospect* has confirmed that writing is her passion, but at the same time, Anastasio has also discovered that, though she enjoys political journalism, there are so many other opportunities available to her.

The Washington Semester program has opened Anastasio's eyes to the many avenues through which she can one day pursue a career in writing, while also providing her with valuable work experience. For Anastasio, this semester has been a "great trial run," and she will walk away from DC with memories and experiences that she couldn't have gotten anywhere else, not to mention new friends from across the country as well.

For more information about the Lutheran College Washington Semester program, please contact Dr. Donna Kish-Goodling, Associate Dean of Global Education.

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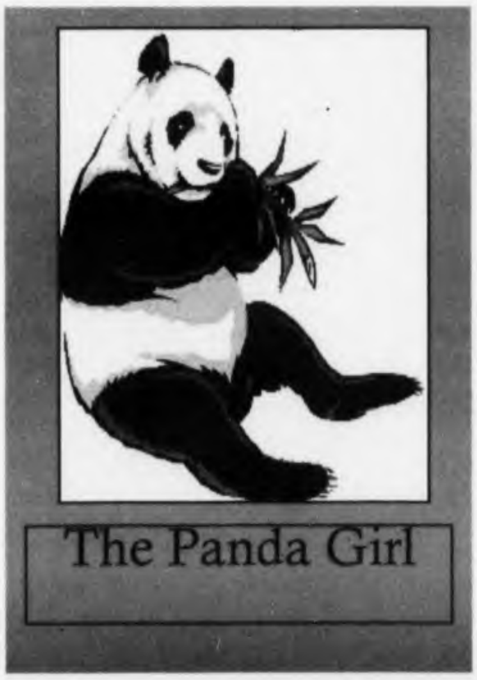

Dear Panda Girl-

As the weather is getting nicer and we're getting closer to the end of the year, I find I'm less motivated to do any work. I'm already behind and just can't seem to focus enough to do what needs to be done. How am I getting burnt out so soon? Help?
- Brilliant but Lazy

Dear Brilliant but Lazy-

Yes, the sunshine does tempt us into lazing about on the grass more than sitting in the stagnant library. It sounds like what's really going on is your previous form of motivation, whatever it was, isn't strong enough anymore. Time to change it up.

Sit outside to do your reading. Bring your laptop to the Light Lounge or the Java Joe's couches to do some work. Changing pace and being less recluse (as often happens in chilly winter months) may be all you need. If not, try a little self-discipline. Unplug your Ethernet cable and don't plug it back in until you've achieved a goal. Say no to any social activities until you finish that paper. Reward yourself by leaving your computer and heading out with friends after that long assignment is done.

Keep an "I'll do it later" count. For every time you procrastinate on anything, tick your list. For every tick, you need to make up an hour of it doing some extra studying before that test, or some other activity like laundry or dishes. Ask your friends/roommate for help in your goals. Get their support, because nothing is worse than trying to resist a friend who keeps begging you to blow off that homework to come to a party. Enforce "work hours" in your room- every day between dinner and 8 o'clock, you and your roommate/friends will refrain from leisure activities until all work is completed, and not disturb the other. By enforcing a little self-discipline and vigilance, you'll find you have plenty of time to get your work done as well as be lazy.

Best,
The Panda Girl

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Mr. Muhlenberg

By Natalie Benjamin
Life Writer

While Muhlenberg College holds and organizes many unique events, one can make the claim that there is one event that is truly unique to the College. Mr. Muhlenberg, an annual beauty pageant for male students held by the 2013 Class Council, brings in many eager students who look forward to watching their friends and classmates showcase their talent, strut their stuff, and possibly embarrass themselves.

On Mar 21st at 8pm, Memorial Hall was packed with students, parents, faculty and even professors. This year there were nine participants: Will Falco '12, Rob Buesser '12, Joe Kowalsky '12, David Kurtis '12, Jeremy Menard '12, Conor Choi '12, Alex Zwetchkenbaum '13, Joey Adams '15 and Oliver Katz '15. The audience was introduced to Mr. Muhlenberg's two hosts, Frank DeAndrea and Ed Hopkins with an entertaining and funny video. The video showed the struggles both hosts overcame to come up with decent knock-knock jokes and even revealed to the world how DeAndrea meticulously shaves his beard.

Each participant then got the chance to shine during their individual introductions. As the first participant, Falco humorously reenacted a scene from *The Lion King*, complete with a live baby playing the role of Simba. Buesser chose to introduce himself as a brave boxer taking on his competitors. Kowalsky cleverly ran down the stage and through the audience as if he was a player on "The Price is Right." The audience was overcome with laughter as Kurtis dressed as a girl and danced to Michael Jackson's "Beat It." He even completed the act by surprising the audience with a pair of underwear he threw into the bleachers. The two brave freshman competitors, Katz and Adams, chose to show the school some of their dance skills. Keeping the dancing going, Choi impressed the audience with his break-dance moves, even incorporating a flip or two in the sequence. Zwetchkenbaum offered a unique way of making himself known by rollerblading around the stage with an American flag to Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A." Last but not least, Mernard entered with a swarming group of fangirls, who both idolized him and showed their affection for the contenders.

Each year, many student ensembles and groups perform to keep the audience engaged and excited. This year, Muhlenberg's all-female a capella group The Girls Next Door sang their rendition of the Spice Girls', "Wannabe." The crowd enjoyed their enthusiasm and unique take on the song. Mr. Muhlenberg is divided into three parts: talent, swimsuit, and formal wear. To judge the nine competitors and select the winner, three judges sit in on the competition. This year the judges were Dr. Michael London, Becky Grace and Dr. Jeff Rudski..

To start off the talent portion of the contest, Falco sang along to Santana's "Smooth," revealing his vocal talent. Buesser, along with his beat boxer Shawn, played the guitar and sang "Stereohearts," which garnered backing vocals from the audience who helped Buesser along with the words. After these two very calm performances, Kowalsky switched things up by running on stage wearing nothing but a Speedo. He was accompanied by some friends who also respected the dress code. They danced to "Sexy and I Know it," showing that they are brave enough to show a lot more than most people. The music kept going when Kurtis played a medley of songs from the movie "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" on his keyboard. Katz proved that he cannot only dance, but sing as well. He sang to Mario's "Let Me Love You," even bringing up his special girl on stage to sing along with him. Adams gave an entertaining performance with a crew of dancers and some special water effects. After his performance, members of the student council quickly cleaned up the water, which sparked many jokes by the two hosts. Next, Choi showed off his guitar skills, by playing a mash up of various popular songs. Zwetchkenbaum chose a rather unique talent, by dancing to Taylor Swift and partaking in a lightsaber fight. To close the talent portion, Menard impressed the audience by incorporating a jazz ensemble with his act. He sang and played the trombone, showing that he is multi talented.

For the second part of the competition, each contestant had to wear a swimsuit of his choice. Choi decided to enter the stage with multiple layers of clothing. He then carefully took off each layer and finished the act by running onto the bleachers to meet his girlfriend. Kurtis brought out a small inflatable pool filled with water. All contestants engaged the crowd and surprised the judges with their confidence and bravery to reveal themselves in a bathing suit. After this portion of the competition, Muhlenberg's Perkulators put on an energetic performance.

Choi is crowned Mr. Muhlenberg

Photo Courtest of D. Ward

For the next and final act, the contestants participated dressed in their best suits and answered some difficult questions from the judges. Some contestants chose to enter the stage individually or with a girl, while others like Kowalsky made an entrance with his entire Fraternity. The contestants were asked a question, which ranged from favorite superpower to favorite fruit. To keep *The Lion King* theme going, the judges asked Falco what Disney character he related to and how he would serve the community with it. He answered by stating that he would most certainly be Mufasa and lead everyone to the bar. Kurtis was asked what he would do if he were a woman for a week. He cleverly replied by saying that he would "pee sitting down and spend his nights with Frank." Some contestants made brave fashion choices, with Katz wearing bright yellow shoes and Choi sporting a red paisley shorst and suspenders.

While the judges deliberated and selected the winner and runners-up, M.I.N.T. performed to a medley of Michael Jackson songs. After their great performance, the hosts revealed the winners. There was a tie for second runner up, which was revealed to be Kowalsky and Kurtis. The first runner up was the impressive Zwetchkenbaum. With a drum roll and an eager audience, DeAndrea and Hopkins announced the winner of Mr. Muhlenberg as Choi. Conor gracefully accepted his crown and accepted the cheers and applause of the audience.

The Class Council of 2013 organized and put on a very successful show that was entertaining and funny.

Michaelson and Grammer enchant at spring concert

By Allison Diamond
Life Writer

On Sun., Mar 25th Ingrid Michaelson and special guest Andy Grammer performed in Memorial Hall at Muhlenberg's annual spring concert. Grammer charmed old fans, who had followed his music from his days as a California street performer, and to new fans that were introduced to his clever lyrics and strong vocals. Grammer played his radio-friendly hits, "Keep Your Head Up" and "Fine By Me," and he covered One Republic's "Apologize" and Snow Patrol's "Chasing Cars." Notable in Grammer's set, however, were his original songs. "Ladies," a sweet ode inspired by Grammer's late mother, melted the collective hearts of the audience. "Numbers" was another standout. Not featured on Grammer's self-titled debut album, the tune has a simple message – beauty is not skin deep – wrapped in a poppy package.

Michaelson followed Grammer, connecting with the audience from the moment she walked on stage. Wearing square-rimmed glasses and an off-the-shoulder t-shirt, Michaelson fit right in with 'Berg's grunge-fashion contingent. Michaelson has a passionate fan base, and her songs are entwined in mainstream culture, having been featured in commercials and on hour-long television dramas. Michaelson played songs from her newly released album "Human Again," such as "Ribbons," "Ghost," and the achingly lovely "Keep Warm." At the center of her songs is love – the pain caused by broken promises, the emptiness felt when love ends, and the simple yet all-encompassing feeling of having someone to love. Michaelson played old favorites as well, such as the piano ballad "The Chain" and the bouncy "Mountain and the Sea," to which she included audience participation during the chorus.

Michaelson's two backup singers, Allie Moss and Bess Rogers, were wonderful accompaniments, their voices blending with Michaelson's to create beautiful, swelling harmonies. Michaelson was a game and self-deprecating performer, willing to tell embarrassing anecdotes and to accept an audience marriage proposal without hesitation.

Ingrid Michaelson

Photo Courtesy of D. Ward

All of the hard work of the Muhlenberg Activities Council and other student volunteers culminated in a wonderful spring concert that highlighted two talented artists.

Offensive Explosion

By Eric Dolber
Sports Writer

The Mules baseball team kicked off their busy schedule on a bright note as they defeated Valley Forge Christian by a score of 10-1. They moved to 13-4 for the first time in their history and received five votes in a poll on D3baseball.com.

The Mules opened up with a bang as Junior Outfielder Joseph Vila contributed with a RBI triple, one of six runs scored in the first. Sophomore Shortstop John Scuderi added a 2 RBI single, which followed up with back-to-back RBI doubles by Sophomore Catcher Brett Rosen and Freshman Infielder Danny Usewick. Junior Billy Rogers tossed five one hit innings and also struck out career high eight batters.

Next up was Albright and the Mules pulled off another impressive win by a score of 16-3. With a record of 14-4 in the young season, it marks the first time since 2003 that Muhlenberg is 10 games over :500. Sophomore Catcher Brett Rosen used his legs to lead off the third inning with a triple and would later score on a single by Freshman Jimmy Cody. The Mules tacked on two more runs in the fourth inning on RBI singles by Rosen and Junior Outfielder John Muha. Starting Pitcher Rob Shannon and three relievers threw a combined six hitter.

The next game proved to be more of the same for the Mules, as they went on to defeat Baptist Bible by a score of 13-1. With a record of 15-4, it makes the second time in the school's history that the Mules are more than 10 games over .500. Senior Outfielder Nick Busillo contributed 5 RBIs, which moved him into a tie for the team lead. The young pitching staff lead by Freshman Phillip Balesca only allowed five hits and zero earned runs.

The Mules lost their doubleheader against the College of New Jersey by the scores of 7-3 and 13-10. The Mules tried to stage a comeback in the first game, but fell short. On the bright side, Freshman Matthew Lawsky pitched into the seventh inning and only allowed six hits and two earned runs. In the second game, Muhlenberg jumped out to a 6-3 lead, but then TCNJ scored the next 10 runs. Sophomore Third Baseman Nick Kennedy contributed for three RBIs as the Mules prepare for the start of conference play with games against Ursinus and McDaniel this upcoming week.

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Softball splits one-run games in wild day at Gettysburg

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Being three outs away from a win was like an April Fools joke for the Muhlenberg softball team.

In both ends of its makeup Centennial Conference doubleheader at Gettysburg, the Mules took a sizable lead into the bottom of the seventh. The Bullets won the first game and nearly pulled off another incredible comeback in the second, but Muhlenberg held on for the split.

The wild games (a 9-8 loss and a 7-6 win) left the Mules with a 4-2 CC record in their stretch of three doubleheaders – two on the road – in six days.

Behind the hot hitting of sophomore Kelly Kline, Muhlenberg (9-11, 4-2) built an 8-2 lead in the opener. Kline went 4-for-5 and had RBI hits in her first three at-bats. The Mules scored in five of the seven innings, with senior Brittany Blohm and sophomores Erica Wenzel and Colleen O'Donnell all contributing to the 16-hit attack with three hits apiece.

Chelsea Benjamin at the plate

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Held to six hits in the first six innings, Gettysburg (11-8, 3-1) erupted in the seventh, with seven of the first eight batters getting hits. The game was tied with runners on second and third and two outs when the Bullet leadoff hitter beat out a slow roller as the winning run crossed.

Muhlenberg wasted no time shaking off the tough loss, scoring two runs in the first inning of Game 2 and adding three more in the second inning. Kline had a two-run single in the second and added an RBI hit in the fourth for her sixth RBI of the day.

Sophomore Chelsea Benjamin also drove in three runs, the last on a single in the fourth that gave the Mules a 7-0 lead. Freshman Alyssa Schell went 3-for-5 and scored three runs, and O'Donnell also crossed home plate three times.

It was barely enough. Gettysburg scored twice in the sixth and added two more in the seventh to make it 7-4. With the tying run up and one out, freshman Heather Porrini came on in relief. After a flyout, an infield error brought in two runs to cut the lead to one. But Porrini got the final out on a line drive to second to earn her first save and finally enable the Mule and their fans to exhale.

Lacrosse teams fall at home to Washington

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Playing with two starting defenders out with injuries and several other key players ailing or sick, the Muhlenberg women's lacrosse team came up just short in a valiant effort to win its first Centennial Conference game of the season. The Mules battled from behind the whole game but lost at home to Washington, 17-16.

The Mules' only lead was 1-0, but they were within a goal or two for

After the Shorewomen took their biggest lead at 10-6 late in the first half, Muhlenberg ran off the last three goals of the half to cut the gap to one.

And unlike Wednesday's loss to Haverford, in which a one-goal halftime deficit turned into an 18-11 loss, the Mules stayed close the whole way, eventually tying the score at 15-15 on back-to-back goals by junior Alex Bellini with 11:04 left in the second half.

Washington (6-3, 2-1) scored the next two goals, but Muhlenberg again closed to within one on a goal by freshman Stephanie Umbach with 5:11 to play.

The Shorewomen won the ensuing draw and played keepaway until about two-and-a-half minutes remained, when the Mules began going after the ball aggressively. Twice a Muhlenberg player checked the ball out of a stick, but both times Washington recovered the ball.

Finally, with just under a minute to play, senior Sarah Hetrick forced a turnover, giving the Mules a last chance to tie. But Muhlenberg (4-4, 0-4) could not get a shot off at the other end before turning the ball over.

Sophomore Michelle Certosimo had a team-high seven points, recording six assists for the second time in four games. She also notched nine draw controls, one short of the school record.

Umbach scored a career-high six points, and Bellini (four) and junior Molly Davin (five) tied their career highs for goals.

Muhlenberg Women's Rugby Team

By Rachel Jakubowitcz
Sports Writer

A giant pile of women clad in red and white pinneys are scattered across the Scotty Wood Stadium turf. Arms flail up in the air as long brown hair, short blonde, and a red head run after a ball bouncing on the sun-speckled ground. The referee blows the whistle as one of the women is dragged out of the pile, arm bent at her side. It isn't an injury, they rule as the red lights blink on the scoreboard, counting down the minutes until the second half. A dull murmur passes through the throng of fans seated on the silver bleachers, radiating heat from the sun. The women brush off their elbows, knees, and toes, showing off bruises the size of baseballs, ready to jump back into the madness. This isn't just a gathering of friends; this is rugby.

"Rugby is the sport of champions," says Laura Gelb, '14, an integral member of the team for the past two years. Gelb assists other players with moving the ball over and behind the heads of her teammates, to the back of the field. She hoists the hooker, out of the scrum, and to the end zone. Rugby terms an ordinary person might take out of context, if heard in an atmosphere other than the cluttered silver bleachers of the Muhlenberg College turf.

There is no "I" in team for the women who play rugby at Muhlenberg. Technically their sports season occurs when the leaves change, but they still play games in the cold winters, when they freeze outside, not being able to feel their fingers and toes. But they don't care. For the women, Saturdays are known as "rugby days" and the players show off their melon-shaped black-and-blue bruises and cleat marks, red and ripe on their forearms, to see who wins their unofficial contest for best injury. These are just a few of the reasons why rugby is different from other sports that might be watched, played, and followed in the US, and while it is popular with some students, the team's presence at Muhlenberg is a touchy subject.

Listening as Gelb speaks, it is clear that the team means a lot to her. When she speaks about her teammates, her eyes light up, and anyone observing can see that there is passion in her eyes. However, Gelb and the other women on the team don't think they get as much recognition as they think they should. At Muhlenberg, the team finds difficulties getting to games, since renting vans costs upwards of $200 to $300 dollars for each trip. With only about 20 to 25 women on the team, it is hard to get the word out, and they find it hard to compete with more commonly known "American" past times, such as baseball and football.

Most of the games are close by, but trips cost money, money the team doesn't have. In addition to monetary troubles and lack of recognition from the school, it's also hard to get recognition by visitors, since many students hosting families or individuals may not know they exist. But this has never deterred the team, or their spirit for the game.

Kelly Poirier '12, explains that at practice, the players learn the technicalities of their sport, and while it may be difficult, they're always positive. They learn how to fall correctly and practice drills where they do laps around the green outside Egner Memorial Chapel. While at practice they learn the terms of the game, the actual game is where the real work begins, where grass and dirt cover their pinneys as they are yanked back and forth amongst their opponents. The older players show the newer players the ropes, and with a tug of their pinney, they're in the game.

Poirier says that while there is a possibility of getting hurt, rugby is relatively safe. However, both Poirier and fellow Senior Christy Rodriguez can recount memories of when one of their fellow players had gotten hurt. During one of their 80-minute games, their teammate Hannah Winckelmann broke her clavicle. The injury wasn't because of a mistake made during a play, it was simply an accident. Rugby is a learning experience, and seeing their fellow teammates hurt, while scary, helps them to build up their endurance and team sportsmanship. There is always respect during the game, and if a player curses, gets too frustrated, or makes a run for another player in a negative way, she is taken out of the game.

For me, "rugby is unpredictable…empowering, super fun, it's basically football for females – and it breaks the social norm of women being weak…just like…I don't even know how to explain it because it's just so...I can't even find the words," says Rodriguez with a glint in her eye as she talks fondly of her peers. Like Poirier and Gelb, Rodriguez has enjoyed the camaraderie that comes with being a part of a sports team. She says it's not only a team sport, it's also a social experience – opposing teams get to know each other and even though they are playing against each other, they still make time to socialize after games. While in the game, the women are all about the sport, but after they're done playing, they make time to relax and get to know their opponents.

Aside from team bonding and learning how to work together, there is an air of leadership on the Muhlenberg Women's Rugby Team. The women have an executive board with a President, VP, and Treasurer, as well as a Match Secretary and players who help with publicity. Kelly Poirier has been on the executive board twice and enjoyed being in a leadership position as well as being a member of the team. Not only does the executive board help lead their team, they also must work with alumni coaches and a team captain. The women don't always have an "adult" figure to lead them; their most recent coach decided to switch to Lehigh University's team just last year. With or without a coach, the team can organize, practice, and get ready for their games. Poirier said that when they have a coach it's great, but it's up to the alumni (who the coaches usually end up being) to assist only if they want to. The players don't mind at all.

The College rugby team is fueled on energy, leadership, and good sportsmanship. They rely on one another and work hard at what they do. Even with monetary troubles, lack of adult supervision, and the possibilities of getting hurt, do Poirier, Rodriguez, or Gelb regret joining the team?

"Definitely [not]," says Rodriguez, "No question. There's not even any doubt that I would regret it."

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Women's tennis goes down to the wire to beat F&M

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It was no sweat for the Muhlenberg women's tennis team against Franklin & Marshall.

That doesn't mean there wasn't plenty of drama; the match came down to the final match on the court.

But when Mule sophomore Emily Szulman finished off her three-set victory at No. 2 singles, she had hardly broken a sweat because the wind chill was dipping into the low 30s.

Despite having all eyes on her in the final match on the court, Szulman remained cool under pressure, using her strong serve to win the final two sets and clinch the 5-4 Mule victory. It's Muhlenberg's 10th win in its last 11 meetings with the Diplomats.

"I knew everybody was watching, but I don't really think about it or let it get to me," she said. "I was just focused on winning for the team. That's all I think about when I'm out there."

The Mules (2-4, 2-2) dropped their matches at No. 1 and No. 3 doubles, but freshman Jennifer Goldberg and sophomore Gabriela Contino held off a late Diplomat rally to win what would prove to be a big point at second doubles, 8-6. It was the duo's first win as a team.

Then sophomore Nina Sanders took care of business in impressive fashion at No. 1 singles, posting a 6-1, 6-2 win, and Goldberg also won in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, at No. 3 to keep Muhlenberg alive.

After F&M (3-5, 0-3) won at Nos. 5 and 6 singles, the focus turned to Szulman and freshman Sharen Resnikoff, who had each come back from first-set losses to force third sets.

After needing a tiebreak to win her second set, Resnikoff carried the momentum to a 6-3 win in the third, which she clinched with a strong cross-court, forehand winner. Her victory moved her to 3-1 in Centennial Conference matches and evened the team score 4-4, throwing the spotlight onto court 2.

Szulman admitted she was a little sluggish in the early stages of her match. But she started to get comfortable late in the first set and took command, winning the next two, 6-1, 6-4, to seal the victory and remain undefeated in CC play.

When she finally closed out her match more than four hours after her first doubles serve, her teammates came running onto the court to give her hugs and high fives. And while she said she was bundled up in several layers of sweatshirts and sweatpants, she said that moment made her feel as warm as a midsummer's day.

"When it's cold like this, it takes me a little while to warm up, which is why I think we were off in doubles," Szulman said. "But once I got past the first set in singles, I got loose and started to play better. I really wanted to win this one for the team, especially after not winning in doubles. I'm so happy we won today."

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'Berg hosts Allentown's 250th Birthday Bash

BY JENNIFER FREED
NEWS EDITOR

On Sun. April 16, children, adults, faculty, and students joined together throughout campus to celebrate Allentown's 250th Birthday Bash. Muhlenberg faculty and students hosted the Bash across Parent's Plaza and the Front Lawn to recognize Allentown and to demonstrate the unity between the College and the city. The Office of Community Engagement sent out an email months in advance to everyone associated with Muhlenberg, asking if anyone wanted to work together to brainstorm ideas for how the College and, more specifically, students from different clubs and activities on campus could join in the celebration of Allentown's 250th.

Jena Verlin '14 and Megan Lentz '14 with the College's mascot

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A list of possibilities and ideas immediately flooded the meetings, and students interested in being part of the planning committee for events were accepted into different facets of the process. Those interested in planning joined together and discussed the logistics of the possible events that would work to make the Birthday Bash enjoyable. The group then decided to plan the two most popular ideas---a Kick-Off Dance and the Community Festival. In asking Eveily Freeman, Associate Director of Community Engagement, how this process developed, she said, "The students created a time line, distributed tasks and started making the idea become a reality."

In order to advertise for the celebration, events were posted on the City's official 250th celebration calendar; on Facebook (The City's, the Mayor's, The College's and an event page); on the Muhlenberg College Campus Calendar; via email to students, faculty, and staff; through on-campus clubs and organizations, and especially with posters on Academic Row and throughout campus. In addition, community invitations were sent to the many partnering organizations and agencies that the College works with on a regular basis, a letter of invitation was also sent to the College's neighbors, and street signs were placed the day of the event to encourage further attendance. Most important, the excitement of the Birthday Bash spread by word of mouth throughout campus, especially in the weeks leading up to the event.

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Dems debate for Congressional seat

BY STEVEN MOTSCHWEILER
NEWS WRITER

On Apr. 10, 2012, candidates Jackson Eaton and Rick Daugherty debated at the College for who should be the Democratic Party candidate for PA-15 Congressional District. The debate was sponsored by the Muhlenberg College Democrats and moderated by Muhlenberg Professor and pollster Dr. Christopher Borick. Both candidates are hoping to run against Republican Charlie Dent in the November election.

Rick Daugherty, a social worker and the current chair of the Lehigh County Democratic Committee, opened up with his pitch that he is running for Congress to preserve Medicare and Social Security for future generations. He also hammered the current administration for recent free trade agreements as a primary cause of outsourcing outside the United States. Former US Army captain Jackson Eaton, a lawyer and investigator for numerous federal panels, made an economic pitch revolving around a bill he wants to propose to boost federal infrastructure spending and ease student debt in order to stimulate the economy.

With Lehigh Valley's unemployment at 8.1%, most of the conversation was directly related to the economy and how to get America working again. But the audience questions were more focused on social issues such as the "war on women." As Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations at the College, said, "The major difference came on the pro-life, pro-choice issue. Mr. Daugherty also hit hard on Mr. Eaton switching parties. But overall, both candidates stuck to the issues and answered the questions as thoroughly as you can in a 2-3 [minute] response."

While there were some supporters of both candidates at the debate, a majority of the people there showed no indication of having a preference. One student, Hallie Boviard '14, said of her friends: "We are excited to get to know the candidates better and help us decide who we want to support." Another student, Leah Lewin '14, said ,"I still don't really know the candidates, so this helped me decide who I want to vote for."

"People in the Lehigh Valley were curious to see who the candidates were," Bruckner said. "They also want to see if either of the candidates are going to pose a serious threat to the incumbent, Charlie Dent."

The candidates tried to distinguish themselves through their pro-choice records, their support for healthcare, their stance of social safety net programs, and even their talk on deficit spending in an attempt to show that their positions are more attractive to beat Charlie Dent this fall.

When asked for comment about the event, College Democrat Co-President Emily Paulus '14 said, "The debate was such a success. We had a great turn-out, with both Muhlenberg students and members of the community in the audience, and the candidates addressed issues that really matter to our area. We look forward to hosting more events like this in the near future!"

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New voting laws in PA

Recently, there has been concern among the student body about the new voter law in Pennsylvania. The law states that, "starting with the November 2012 general election, Pennsylvania law now requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to vote at the polls." This caused commotion among students because, as the law states further, "an ID issued by an accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning is acceptable provided the ID contains a NAME, a PHOTO, and an EXPIRATION DATE that is CURRENT."

This is a problem because most students are not Pennsyvlania citizens, so their only Pennsylvania identification is their College ID, which does not have an expiration date. In order to allow out-of-state students to vote here and have proper identification, the College has made stickers with expiration dates on them available for students to put on their campus ID cards. These stickers are color-coded by class year with a corresponding expiration date. The College has made stickers accessible for student pick-up at the information desk Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm.

We want to ensure that all students are aware of this new law and that they prepare appropriately, so that they are able to vote in the presidential election in the fall. As students, we are the key to the future of the country and our input is invaluable. Our best way of having our ideas and values represented is by voicing our opinions by casting a vote for president.

Voting in Pennsylvania is especially important because it is traditionally a swing state, meaning that every vote counts. As such, it is incredibly important that anyone who is registered as a Pennsylvania voter picks up their sticker and attaches it to their College ID. When the election rolls around in November every vote will be essential, so make sure you are fully prepared.

Senator Santorum, Palin's Protege

By Jessica Altman
Op/Ed Writer

It certainly says something about the modern political climate when a headline from the onion can pass as a possibility.

When did it become acceptable for the United States of America to endorse a candidate that knows nothing about the country and government s/he is trying to lead?

Oh, wait. Let us back up a few years.

The year is 2008. President George Walker-Texas-Ranger Bush occupies the Oval Office. Democrats and Republicans alike are vying for the nomination to swap seats with Mr. President himself, and the race continually grows more intense. Democratic front-runner, Barack H. Obama (spoiler alert: he won), has chosen his running mate, the goofy Senator Joe Biden.

Meanwhile, in Republican territory, the pressure increases on Senator John McCain, the Republican nominee, to choose a running mate. Would it be Governor Mike Huckabee? Governor Mitt Romney?

Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska, the McCain campaign announced, would share the ticket to the White House with Senator McCain.

Wait. Who?

Governor Palin, the self-proclaimed maverick, lipsticked pit-bull, and hockey mom (as well as the winner of the crown of the Miss Wasila pageant in 1984, which surely is resume-worthy when it comes to the Vice-Presidency), skyrocketed to national importance overnight.

Now, in 2012, we all know the happy ending to the interesting fairy tale that was the campaign of Sarah Palin. Palin, who renounced her position as Governor of Alaska after her loss in November 2008 in favor of reality TV-stardom, remains a fortunately laughable figure in the eyes of most Americans. Her antics, shenanigans, extremism, and obliviousness still permeate the political atmosphere of 2012 in its evolved form: Rick Santorum.

Former Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania stepped into the national spotlight to fill the void of ridiculousness that was left by Sarah Palin. His militantly conservative views made him popular among the same folks that endorsed Sarah Palin with a straight face.

That being said, news of the suspension of Rick Santorum's campaign was met with mixed reviews on Tuesday afternoon.

Santorum's recent suspension of his presidential campaign allows many concerned United States citi-

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Changing Muhlenberg one swipe at a time: Awa Faye

By John Zeitoun
Op/Ed Writer

Outside the newly built Bob and Irene Wood dining hall, Awa Faye stands restocking to-go cups to keep herself busy. Oversized sunglasses, neon colored tank tops, Sperry boat shoes and sleeveless T-shirts are everywhere in sight on this first day of spring. At 3 p.m., students shuffle through their wallets and backpacks to find their swipe card outside the dining hall. "How are you today, Abby?" Awa asks before reaching her hand out to take a student's swipe card. Many students stop and have a brief conversation with Awa before carrying on with their busy day. No matter how long the line might be, Awa takes the time to stop whatever she is doing to listen to students' stories of how their day is going, how their weekend was, or what they're doing later that night. Her contagious smile immediately changes the mood of those gathered around her. Awa takes the mundane job of swiping students into a dining hall and transforms it into a completely new and exciting job that impacts all Muhlenberg students, all of whom she treats as family.

> *"People in America are so nice," Awa says while chuckling as she reminisces about her first few days in the United States."*

Muhlenberg students, faculty, and staff members appreciate the passion and dedication that Awa brings to the Muhlenberg family. They took initiative to nominate Awa for a national Sodexo award in 2011 based on her extreme care and love for her job. After an overwhelming amount of praise from the Muhlenberg community, Awa won one of the most prominent awards a Sodexo worker can achieve: the [Campus Division] Sodexo Experience Award for exceptional customer service. John Middleton, director of Culinary Operations at Muhlenberg College, explained that out of 57,000 Sodexo employees from over 700 colleges and universities in the nation, only one worker is chosen based on unparalleled customer service. As Awa talked about her accomplishment, her brown eyes began to water and her voice started to increase in pitch. Ultimately, actions speak louder than words. She could have boasted about how amazing it was to gain such praise. But she didn't. She could have boasted about how ridiculously competitive the award is to win. But she didn't. "It really was a big surprise for me when I won the award," Awa said before swiping a student into the dining hall. "I was just doing my job the best that I can do... I didn't really expect to get this award, but when I did I was so happy."

While Awa is known at the college for being the main cashier at the dining hall, she wasn't always involved in the food industry. From being an assistant accountant for a local agriculture company, to being a bookstore cashier for Rodale, to finally being a baker for Kutztown University, Awa has experience in a variety of career paths. Awa grew up in Senegal and lived there for 30 years before moving to Allentown 17 years ago. Senegal is a French colony located in Western Africa that is home to approximately 13 million people. The main reason for Faye's family move was because Awa's husband, Amadou, was promoted to a higher position at Rodale. When Awa and her family arrived in America, she was initially surprised by how warm and comforting her new neighbors in Allentown were. "People in America are so nice," Awa says while chuckling as she reminisces about her first few days in the United States. She was skeptical about Americans not being as friendly as her family and friends in Senegal. Her initial doubts faded as soon as Awa moved into her new Pennsylvania neighborhood. Upon arrival, Awa's new neighbors greeted her with plates of cookies and bouquets of flowers to welcome the Faye family to the area. She found comfort in her new neighbors, who had children the same age as Awa's. Over time, these two families that spoke two very different languages started spending countless hours together through play dates and get-togethers. At the time of the Faye's move to America, Awa's four children were just growing up, and now they are adults with children of their own.

At the heart of everything Awa does lies strong familial ties to her husband Amadou, her four children, and her three grandchildren. As she speaks about her family, her eyes begin to appear glass-like. She takes a quick gulp before delving further into the familial history that means so much to her. A typical weekend with Awa includes cooking, watch-

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ing her grandchildren play tennis, working in the garden, and relaxing with her entire family. She wipes a quick tear from her eye as she brings up her three grandchildren: Abdoul, 5; Abba, 3; and Awa, 1. In that moment, her face shines under the dim low-key lighting. The obnoxious beeping from the security gate at the dining hall's exit breaks the awkward silence. "In my family, everything we do, we do together," Awa says before grabbing a to-go box for a student whose backpack looks bigger than she is.

While most grandmothers never say who their favorite grandchild is, Awa wasn't afraid to hold back from the truth. She explains that in African culture, most families name their child after someone important to them, which is usually a family member or close friend. One year ago, Awa's life changed forever when her name was passed down to a new generation. "It's the best thing that could have ever happened to me." Awa explained. "Having my name passed down to a new generation is the highest form of privilege for me as a mother and, now, as a grandmother to young Awa." Luckily for Awa, her three grandchildren live in close proximity, which allows her to spend countless hours playing, baby-sitting, and watching them grow.

From spending time with family to receiving a friendly hello from busy students, this Muhlenberg staple truly appreciates the little things in life. Without a doubt, Muhlenberg would not be the same without a warm smile and quick chat with Awa before or after meals. An immediate smile appeared on accounting and psychology double major Evan Schmidt's face when Awa's name was mentioned. He praises her saying, "She's so sweet! I love how genuine and caring she always is to students. She always has a smile on her face and looks happy to be working." Communications and business double major Hayley Galembo can attest to Awa's strong influence on the Muhlenberg community and family at large. "Awa goes beyond just swiping students into the dining hall and really gets to know students. She takes a job that is so simple and greatly influences everyone's day."

While Muhlenberg students like Schmidt and Galembo love Awa, the truth is Awa loves Muhlenberg students just as much as they love her.

Her favorite part of the job is the students and her fellow co- workers, with whom she interacts on a daily basis. She describes her co-workers as her brothers and sisters, who are always willing to help each other whenever they can. Sue Flederbach, Director of Operations at Muhlenberg College, explained that, "If Awa is having a bad day, customers and her fellow co-workers never know. She is always smiling and happy at work. She knows specific details about the Muhlenberg community, like who usually gets to-go or who she can speak to in French." Awa Faye's story is the quintessential example of making the most out of any situation, career, and day-to-day activity.

While some cashiers go through the motions every day and live a seemingly mundane life, Awa is the exception as she helps change Muhlenberg...one swipe at a time.

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zens to breathe a sigh of relief; the anti-pornography, anti-gay, anti-abortion, anti-contraceptive bigot that was within arms' reach of being the Republican party's nominee no longer poses a threat to the people of the United States.

With every election come new obstacles to overcome and new challenges to face for each political party, accompanied by the clown car of presidential hopefuls: politicians who are hopeful that they will snag the nomination, while we remain hopeful they fade back into the obscurity from whence they came.

Essentially:

GOOD NEWS: Rick Santorum is officially out of the running.

Presently, porn, abortions, contraceptives, gay marriage (depending on location), and women's rights in general are still legal.

BAD NEWS: Romney.

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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 2 – Sick Student – Off campus, there was a report of a sick student. Allentown Police Department and Allentown EMS responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 3 – Check the Welfare/Locate – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report to check the welfare of a student. The student was found and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Apr. 4 – Found Property – On the East Lawn of Trexler Library, there was a report of a found bicycle. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The bicycle was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 5 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a blanket hanging from a sprinkler head that was found while performing room checks for Easter Break. The blanket was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. In addition, ceiling tiles were missing from the room. Referred to Residential Services.

Apr. 5 – Institutional Vandalism – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of vandalism. Ceiling tiles were missing from the room. Plant Operations were notified to repair the tiles.

Apr. 5 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire safety violation. Lights were found hanging from the ceiling that were found while performing room checks for Easter Break. The lights were removed and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to Residential Services.

Apr. 5 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire safety violation. A hat was hanging from the sprinkler head that was found while performing room checks for Easter Break. The hat was removed and brought to Campus Safety. The hat was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to Residential Services.

Apr. 6 – Found Property – In Trumbower, there was a report of a found sweatshirt and bookbag. The items were later returned to the owner.

Apr. 6 – Possession of False Identification – Off campus, there was a report of possession of a false identification. The individual attempted to use a false identification at Liberty Street Tavern. The identification was confiscated and brought to the Campus Safety office and placed in the evidence locker.

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Apr. 6 – Possession of False Identification – Off campus, there was a fifth report of possession of a false identification. The individual attempted to use a false identification at Liberty Street Tavern. The identification was confiscated and brought to the Campus Safety office and placed in the evidence locker.

Apr. 6 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a safety violation. A room door was found unsecure and taped open. The resident of the room was identified and spoken to. Referred to Residential Services.

Apr. 9 - Suspicious Activity – On Liberty St., there was a report of suspicious activity. Allentown Police Department responded. Upon officers' arrival, the individuals were gone. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 9 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found purse. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Apr. 9 – Found Property – In the Prosser Hall parking lot, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner later claimed the item.

Apr. 10 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 10 – Institutional Vandalism – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of spray paint graffiti. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 10 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of harassment. The individuals were identified and spoken to.

Apr. 10 – Institutional Vandalism – In the East Hall quad area, there was a second report of spray paint graffiti. Allentown Police Department responded. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 10 – Institutional Vandalism – In Trexler Library, A Level, there was a report of vandalism due to a clogged toilet. Plant Operations was notified to clean the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 11 – Property Damage (Non-Criminal Act) – On campus, there was a report of property damage. The passenger side mirror of a vehicle was found cracked. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 11 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of found items including ear buds, ear phones, and a watch. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 11 – Unlawful Entry (No Force) – In Brown Hall, ground floor, there was a report of theft of a jacket. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 12 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a found backpack. The owner was notified and later claimed the item.

Apr. 12 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of verbal harassment. The individuals were spoken to and identified. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 12 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – At 2259 Turner St. (building #1, second floor), there was a report of a noise complaint. Campus Safety officers spoke with the residents and the area was cleared of the individuals. There was no further incident.

Apr. 13 – Found Property – In the New Science Building, there was a report of a found wallet. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office. The wallet was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 13 – Larceny/Theft – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of theft of a bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 13 – Found Property – In the Martin Luther Hall parking lot, there was a report of a found set of keys. It is unknown to whom the keys belong. The keys were placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 13 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Apr. 14 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – At 323 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. The residents were identified and spoken to. There was no further incident.

Apr. 14 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In the commuter parking lot, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department, Allentown EMS, and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital. The student will be cited by Allentown Police Department for Underage Drinking.

Apr. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 14 – Suspicious Activity – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. The individuals were spoken to and identified. There was no further incident.

Apr. 14 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, training room, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 325 N. 23rd St. (Hoffman House), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to smoke from cleaning equipment. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 14 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Apr. 15 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. The individuals were spoken to. There was no further incident.

Apr. 15 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The individuals were spoken to and identified. A Campus Safety officer disposed of the alcohol. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 15 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Apr. 15 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

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Apr. 15 – Lost Property – In the 26th and Chew Sts. parking lot, there was a report of a lost wallet.

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The events were planned and organized by a core group of students who work for Office of Community Engagement. Those students, Meghan Butler, Angelica Moore, Emily Blakeslee, Katie Sarishon, and Maria Lewis, did a great majority of the work in hopes of achieving the best possible celebration. They were supported by the efforts of many other students and staff on campus. In addition, the events were generously sponsored through funding and donations by the Board Of Associates, Student Activities Office, Fun Affairs, Sodexo, multiple local business raffle donations, and the hard work of all the volunteers who staffed the carnival booths and performance groups who shared their time and talents with event participants.

While the Mule was sprinting around campus looking to join in on the fun, students from a diverse array of organizations on campus set up booths to help out. Greek Life, Cardinal Key, Best Buddies, and many others came to support the Bash. 250 assorted cupcakes were baked and sold alongside an enormous moon bounce. Although the bash soon ended and, exhausted from the heat and the excitement, everyone left, it was definitely an event worth attending.

Alpha Epsilon Pi attempts to revive its presence on Muhlenberg campus

By Nicolette Miller
News Writer

Over time, the Greek Community at Muhlenberg College has established itself as a valuable part of student growth and unification. It was only a few years ago that Muhlenberg added an additional chapter on its campus to the nine we have today. In September 2007, Alpha Epsilon Pi lost its affiliation with Muhlenberg's Greek life and was removed by the National Headquarters.

The fraternity's removal by the Headquarters was a result of a series of infractions by its members and was an action which the college agreed with. "Muhlenberg's top priority is the safety, health, well-being, and personal growth of our students," says President Randy Helm. "This priority influences every decision we make about student life - particularly decisions about partnering with external organizations (such as national fraternities and sororities) to provide on-campus programs and activities."

Last April, almost 4 years after its removal, the Committee of Greek Life (a multi-constituent body responsible for making recommendations regarding the fraternity/sorority community) received two letters from students expressing their desire to have Alpha Epsilon Pi re-established at Muhlenberg. "One of the key factors in the long-term success of a fraternity/sorority at Muhlenberg has been a strong, supportive partnership between the National Headquarters and the College. As such, the College reserves the right to determine which national organizations it will partner with," explains Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Programs. Decision making concerning Greek life at any college is a collaborative process that affects all students on the campus, thus Muhlenberg is more interested in working with organizations that hope to be good partners that will abide by College policies.

However, despite their awareness of the College's process, the National Headquarters continued to encourage men from Muhlenberg to start the organization, knowing fully that it would not receive recognition. Only recently has the National Headquarters backed down and attempted to reach out the Committee of Greek Life, which follows the proper procedure of expansion. By threatening to recolonize without going through the College's process, the AEPi alumni were informed that they would jeopardize their chances of recolonizing at Muhlenberg in the future.

Jachimowicz explained that without college recognition, there is no local accountability for a chapter's operation. Any practices the chapter may develop could potentially be harmful and unlawful, which the college fears would put everyone at risk. A similar incident recently occurred at Boston University where an "independent" AEPi chapter was subject to criminal charges after hazing pledges.

The interested students have since then decided to postpone the fraternity's revival in hopes of one day collaborating with the school. "I was very proud to learn that our students told AEPi National that they would rather wait and colonize a chapter that is part of our Greek community and that follows the College's rules," expressed President Helm.

On numerous occasions, Muhlenberg has received interest from national organizations wishing to have a presence on campus. "We have built a strong and respectable fraternity/sorority community and the College's commitment is to develop it in a deliberate way," says Jachimowicz. "The Committee on Greek Life will continue to assess the need for additional chapters and desire to work with organizations willing to follow the college's procedures."

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Dance Club presents Dance '82 As 65 'Berg students perform

by Tammy Bormann

"God, I'm a dancer. A dancer dances." And do they dance! The Muhlenberg community will have the opportunity to see just how well, tonight, tomorrow night and Sunday night at 8 p.m. when the 1981-1982 Dance Club presents "Dance '82" in the Center for the Arts Theatre.

The Dance Club was born in 1966 with Connie Kunda as its faculty advisor and a lone five members. The interest was so slow in developing that the first recital wasn't staged until 1969, complete with homemade costumes and no props. Sixteen years after its inception, the Dance Club is still advised by Connie Kunda, but now boasts a membership of 150 males and females and a costume collection worth more than 600 dollars. Despite the membership increase, Mrs. Kunda explains that the stipulations of the club have not changed greatly since 1966. The club is open to any full-time Muhlenberg student, male or female, regardless of any previous dance training. The most fundamental purpose of the club is to offer students the opportunity to learn and practice the principles of movement. Many students use the Sunday night meetings in Brown Gym simply for recreational purposes. For some, the Dance Club is the first exposure to dance training of any sort, and for others, the club offers the opportunity for serious practice and perfection of new and old dance techniques.

The Dance Club academic year is divided into two sections: the fall semester for instruction on technique and movement and the spring semester for dance performance preparation. This past fall, the club hosted three master classes. Andy Krampansky taught a class of classical ballet and later helped to choreograph a piece for tonight's performance as did Chad Wlazelek, who instructed the group in the jazz technique. Dawn Ketterman, of the Moravian College dance department, instructed a course in modern dance. Toward the end of the fall semester, the club began to plan for the spring recital, an almost entirely student-choreographed production.

The club is organized by six dedicated officers: Arlette Palo, President; Elaine Light, Vice-President; Darlene Innocenzi, Secretary; Liz Stein, Treasurer; and Jeannette Ickovics, Costumes Coordinator. Of the 150 club members, 65 will take part in tonight's performance, six of whom are male. Arlette Palo comments, "We're going to try to make the stigma attached to male dancing obsolete." Sue Smith points out that in the 1980 dance performance, the first male member of the Dance Club performed. In 1981, there were three male participants and the number has doubled for this year's production. "It's getting better every year!" she exclaims. A point both officers and Mrs. Kunda feel is important is that dancers do not audition for spots in specific dances. Those members who choreograph numbers must present their creations to the club, and then individual members sign up for those dances in which they chose to participate.

When the curtain rises for "Dance '82" tonight, the audience will be zapped into awareness by Diana Ross' "Work Your Body" performed by approximately 40 of the 65 dancers who will appear on the stage. The number was choreographed by Elaine Light and Andrea Carnevale. The opening number is followed by a solo choreographed and danced by Jeannette Ickovics with live music composed and performed by Andrea Clearfield.

Next, Liz Stein wows the audience in her self-choreographed solo to Joe Cocker's "Funtime." Following closely behind is the "Overture" from the Broadway production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, choreographed for approximately eight dancers by Meg Estey. Then, Arlette Palo dances her own creation to George Benson's dynamic "On Broadway."

What follows Arlette is an Elaine Light brainchild, entitled "Celebration of Victor's Lament." This number transcends tradition by incorporating into the dance the visual effect of slides of Victor's Lament, taken by Mark Capobianco. Elaine chooses to portray the underlying significance of the sculpture through Tim Weisberg's "The Passing" and "The Dealer." The complete number is separated into two segments: "The Passing" finds Elaine in white and 14 fellow dancers in black, performing around a coffin. The first segment then eases into the second, "The Dealer," where all 15 dancers sport brightly colored costumes.

Following this untraditional piece is Suzanne Kuzma dancing the very traditional ballet "Les Sulphides." To close Act I is *Fame's* "Hot Lunch Jam," choreographed for 17 dancers by Arlette Palo. The 15-minute intermission is the only break in the one and one-half hour production.

Bursting onto Act II is "Pull It to the Bumper," a piece choreographed for 24 people by Liz Stein and Chad Wlazelek, followed by "Imp's Welcome," a piece by jazz's Chick Corea, choreographed for three by Jeannette Ickovics. The surprises on this number are the costumes . . . flamboyantly-colored Lycra sacks! Following Chick and Jeannette is a Carol Hufnail dance created especially for Elaine Light and Mark Shanaman for Steely Dan's "Josie." To lighten the atmosphere, the following number is an eight dancer ballet to Mozart's Concerto #21,

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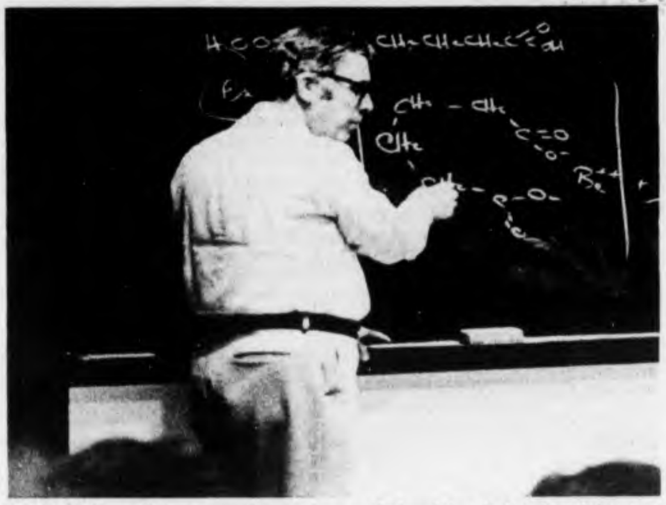

Dr. G. N. Russell Smart, senior professor of chemistry, is faculty advisor to convention committee.

Collegiate chemists meet at Muhlenberg; Event features speakers, paper presentations

The Intercollegiate Student Chemists (ISC), a national collegiate professional society for chemistry and chemical engineering students, will hold their annual meeting Saturday, April 17 at Muhlenberg College. The convention is running concurrently with a meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of College Chemistry Teachers Friday, April 16 at Lehigh University.

The two associations will have a joint dinner Friday, 5:45 p.m. in Muhlenberg's Seegers Union. A joint meeting with the Lehigh Valley Section of the American Chemical Society will follow at 8 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall.

Dr. Warren W. Kaeding, senior research scientist for Mobil Chemical, will speak at the evening meeting on "Meeting Future Energy Needs Through Synthetic Fuels Chemistry."

The ISC's 46th annual meeting will begin Saturday at 9 a.m. with the presentation of undergraduate research papers in the Trumbower Science Lecture Hall on the college campus.

Dr. Thomas G. Spiro, Eugene Higgins Professor of Chemistry at Princeton University, will be the featured speaker at Saturday's ISC session. His topic will be "Hemoglobin: Structure and Dynamics by Resonance Raman Spectroscopy."

Dr. Spiro joined the faculty at Princeton in 1962, and was named professor of chemistry in 1974. He holds the B.S. from the University of California at Los Angeles and the Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship for study at the University of Copenhagen and a National Institute of Health fellowship for study at the Royal Institute of Technology of Sweden, Stockholm. He has had articles published in the fields of inorganic and biochemistry.

The convention is being supported in part by grants from The Rodale Press, Air Products and Chemicals, Western Electric, J.T. Baker Chemical and Tuition Exchange, and is being held in cooperation with Muhlenberg's American Chemical Society Student Affiliate Chapter. Daniel P. Verdonik, a senior chemistry major from Butler, N.J., is student chairman of the event. Dr. G. N. Russell Smart, senior professor of chemistry at Muhlenberg, is faculty advisor to the convention committee.

For further information on registration for the conference programs, contact Dr. Smart at 433-3191.

TKE marathon aids charity

by Debbie Kovach

Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00 began TKE's soccer marathon on Hagen Field to raise money for the Lehigh Valley Association for Children with Learning Disabilities and the Red Cross.

The 72-hour marathon will last until Saturday, April 17 at 12:00 p.m. The 22 players are attempting to break the previous world record of 65 hours and raise $10,000 in the process.

According to Bill Campanale, who along with Terry Meehan coordinated the event, there will be officials watching the game at all times and allowing the players five minute breaks per hour.

To begin the game, which TKE has sponsored three times before, Allentown Mayor Joe Daddona threw out the first ball. In addition, the fraternity is selling food and shirts and raffling off a foosball table at the game. Meals for the players are being donated by McDonald's, George's, Domino's, and Tony's.

The brothers began planning for the marathon the middle of last summer. The White House sent the fraternity a letter of congratulations and best wishes (since President Reagan is a TKE brother) and asked to hear from the local fraternity when the marathon is over.

Bill Campanale said, "We wanted to raise money and get involved in the community, and we wanted to be able to say we had the world record (for the longest continuous soccer game.)"

McCarthy and Schick debate God's existence

by Stephen Heacock

On Wednesday, March 31st, Dr. Ted Schick of the Philosophy Department and Professor John McCarthy of the Physics Department debated the existence of God. The event, sponsored by the Committee of English Majors, was held at 7:30 p.m. in room 149 of the Trumbower Science Building.

Schick announced the format for the evening, typical of traditional debates. The affirmant, McCarthy, was to speak first, for 20 minutes. Schick would follow with 20 minutes. Then 15 minutes would be McCarthy's followed by 10 for Schick. McCarthy would end with a 5-minute speech.

As it turned out, McCarthy did not set out to prove that God exists. Indeed, he stated that "any fool knows you can't prove it—nor can you disprove it." Instead, McCarthy sought to prove that it is *more reasonable* to believe that God exists than it is to believe that God does not exist.

The presupposition McCarthy offered was: either God exists or He doesn't. Presuppositions, he said, are not subject to proof, so God must be accepted on faith acquired through the dictates of society, aesthetic grounds, and what is true. These, he maintained, are all presuppositions, so we must accept/reject Him without proof. McCarthy added that "to accept that God does not exist leads to inconsistencies or undesirable conclusions."

In short, McCarthy presented the traditional Catholic conception of God. He said that God is "a loving and personal God, beneficent and omnicient." He is good, condemning none to Hell. He is omnipotent; God created the universe, "or at least the forces that control the universe." Thus, McCarthy painted a picture of God as all powerful, all good, and all knowing.

Schick attacked McCarthy's logic with his own unique presentation. He sought to prove several points: there is no Supreme Being, the universe is not intelligible (there was no design), there was no designer of the universe, and if there *was* a designer, it was not necessarily God. He stressed that meaning could be self-grounded; God is not needed to give life meaning.

Schick attacked the "all knowing, all powerful, and all good" God in this fashion: he first introduced the notion of evil. He said that if God is all powerful and all good, then there should be no needless suffering or natural disasters. The world would be "like Hawaii on a nice day." He added that God cannot be good and all knowing at the same time.

"Can God think dirty thoughts?" he said. "If he can't, then that's something he can't do. If he can, then he's not all good."

Schick added that man cannot have free will with an omnipotent God. He said that if God knows all, then He knows that you will awaken at x o'clock tomorrow morning. You cannot awaken at any other time since He knows all. Therefore, you have no free will.

He went on to discuss quantum mechanics and scientific proof that the universe has no order. He also said that the universe *could* be a random clumping of particles. He added that "the universe could have been formed by a committee, a mentally retarded guy, or the devil; God is not needed for objective truth."

Schick ended, saying "I am a Jeffersonian." He said that self-evident truths exist; meaning may be self-grounded and God is not needed.

McCarthy responded with specific definitions he found lacking in Schick's proposal. These included evil and free will. He added that Schick had "fantastic arguments, but he used terms and word games

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"A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others."
- Ayn Rand

Alumni Spotlight

Michael Stein

By Samantha Langer
Managing Editor

This past week I had the amazing opportunity to sit down with one of the College's most admirable and respected alumni, Michael Stein. Stein graduated in 1973, back when the College did not even have a theater program or a Center for the Arts building! After hearing this I thought to myself, "What convinced him to come here, then?"Stein told me that his passion and interest in fencing is what attracted him to the College instead of the multitude of other Lehigh Valley Colleges. As one might imagine I was shocked to hear that the college had a fencing team, and one that was strong enough to influence someone's decision to come here. Stein continued to describe other major differences of the College including t the fact that there was virtually no Hillel presence on campus and that he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), a fraternity that is no longer on campus, and that the plays he participated in were performed in Seegers Union, where General's Quarters is now. However, as Stein told me, "The philosophy and mission of the College has not changed at all. The teachers are fabulous; they love what they do, and the reason they are at the College instead of a large university is they love students, putting them first, before research and publishing."

Michael Stein poses alongside his wife and daughters

Photo Courtesy of Michael Stein

I had a wonderful time comparing what the College was like in the 1970s with what it is today; however, the more I spoke with Stein the more I realized that his accomplishments post-College were even more interesting. Stein's first move after graduating from the College in 1973 with a Bachelors of Arts in English was to attend a masters program for Theater at Temple University. He quickly realized that theater was not for him and he decided to go to law school. After completing Villanova University Law School he practiced business litigation, where he realized that he enjoyed the trial aspect, but he began to feel that he was not suited for the large, competitive firm environment. Subsequently, Stein quit his job, went to Breckenridge, Colorado and went skiing until he ran out of money. Realizing he needed a new game plan, Stein decided yet again to go back to school for electrical engineering. This was carefully thought out on his part as his father was a chemist and he started a technology company, which Stein worked at in high school. While he was working towards his new degree, he continued to practice law with some clients and after completing his degree he began getting job offers from patent law firms. Then, Stein was offered a job working for his father's company, which at the time was drawing in sales between $10-12 million. Around this time he decided to start a microelectronic company in Japan. A few years later, in keeping with his ambition he decided to start other microelectronic companies in China and in London. He told me that he went to Asia because there was already an established microelectronic industry and to London because it was the early days of the European Union and there were threats of trade barriers, so he thought he needed to have a presence there.

Following these endeavors, Stein began thinking that he did not want to have any partners and starting buying out all of his partners. About ten years ago Stein bought his father's shares of the company. Since then the sales have tripled without the addition of new employees, but rather through the implementation of new ideas and business strategies. Stein manages all four businesses, which invent new materials for electronic devices of all kinds and sell them all over the world. Stein stresses that the concepts of delegation, having a set of agreed upon goals, and working as a team are the keys to success.

As I was sitting with Stein and trying to process all of his successes, my first thought was, "This guy has to be a nervous wreck all the time!" However, after asking Stein how he dealt with all the responsibilities, he commented that, "Delegation is essential and getting people to want to do tasks for you is important. I can rely on my staff to carry out the mission of our company because they are motivated to accomplish the company's goals of net profit after taxes and growth. In order to accomplish these goals staff must work together to help each other along with way." Stein commented further by saying that employees have a lot of decision-making power once they have proven trust-worthy through their dedication. Also, most employees at ESL Electroscience are long-term, so they know each other well and understand that they must all work together and communicate effectively in order to meet goals. As Stein said, "I have 14 members of top management around the world who report to me, who are specialized. I am the generalist and see the overall picture, which allows for valuable collaboration."

Stein also commented on the key to his happiness. "Despite my career and my avocations the key driver of my happiness is my brilliant wife and two fabulous daughters. If they are all happy, I'm happy; everything else is icing on top."

Aside from being a successful entrepreneur, Stein is also a member of the Board of Trustees at the College. He had always admired those individuals who were philanthropic, because they understood that they were part of a community and had the resources, time, and money to give back. Naturally, Stein wanted to follow in these individuals' footsteps and give back to the community. Stein is on several boards of trustees, including the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy and the College. Stein comments, "My role on the Board of Trustees at the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy is very hands-on and includes attracting prospective students, developing strategies, and many other responsibilities; while my role, which is still new, at the College is less hands-on and I am still trying to figure out how to utilize my skills effectively and contribute more." Also, Stein explained that the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees focus on long-term strategy, ensuring that the College, starting with President Randy Helm, is carrying out the mission of the College, and raising money."

As a last note, Stein offers some advice for students who are looking for jobs: "Network through people you know or people they know; trying to meet potential employers that way sets you apart. Learn about the job and the company before you meet or interview with them so you have intelligent questions. Smile. Say you don't know rather than talking nonsense."

Throughout my interview with Stein, he remained calm and collected despite having four businesses operating around the world, which awed me. His presence was comforting and showed me that the caring and "nurturing environment," as Stein called it, that we have at the College extends to all alumni, and that I am fortunate to be a part of it.

Filling the gaps

By Steph Scott
Life Writer

Fifty Muhlenberg volunteers applied for the alternative spring break, an opportunity to repair a home in New Orleans, but only ten could be supported this year due to funding. The ten student volunteers rode a motorboat out into the bayou, where they leapt over the side of the fishing boat, jumped off cliffs and swang off ropes to crash into the freezing murky water. The boat belonged to Paul Perez, 50, a Hurricane Katrina survivor who has been working with Muhlenberg students for the last four years. Perez sped the boat up and down the river, passing mansions with lawns manicured to almost golf-worthy perfection. Palm trees and fuchsia flowering trees lined up symmetrically on either side of the doorways. Once the boat tour had finished, the volunteer party moved inside for Thai food and a presentation. In between bites, a video of a home slowly drowning was shown on Perez's screen. Perez's home. Each year Perez shows his film to Muhlenberg students.

Aaron Bova, Senior Associate Director of Resdential Services at the college, who supervised the trip, says that the film is a reminder for Perez that "for the first time, Perez had to depend on other people" after having lost his home. However, despite the needy times that Perez faced, he, unlike other Katrina victims, was able to build a new home. Not everyone in New Orleans is as fortunate.

Perez hosts a dinner each month with volunteers from the Saint Bernard Project, a local parish that has been working since 2006 to help families rebuild. The volunteer-based group has completed 425 homes since the project began and they still have 130 homes on their waiting list.

Houses in New Orleans come in a variety of colors, ranging from amorous azaleas to irresistible irises to fair forget-me-nots. But 130 homes have not found the funding to bloom yet. Outsiders question why someone would want to rebuild in a place that was so devastated, and at such a high risk. Aaron Bova countered, "Large portions [of New Orleans] are not below sea-level" but were still affected by the storm. Angela Russell, 24, a volunteer for the Saint Bernard Project, explained the sense of city pride in New Orleans as a reason for why people are so desperate to return. Russell mentioned, "I joke that there's never a line at security at the airport because no one ever leaves." No one wants to leave; coming back home can be harder than one would expect. A major conflict with coming home is that many of the homes that the volunteer group has worked on have been victims of more than just water damage.

Muhlenberg students worked on a home for a grandmother, who wishes to remain nameless, who had fallen victim to contractor fraud twice. Bova explained, "She has had five strokes since the hurricane, and then one of her family members tried rebuilding her house and, well, the project ran out of money and he ran away." A non-family member contractor yielded similar results. The grandmother first relocated to Austin, Texas, in 2006 after the hurricane. She has not moved since then. Austin is where she has been living for the last six years, but Austin is not her home.

Her home is back in New Orleans, in the hands of volunteers. When Emily Taffet, '14, first arrived at the wooden skeleton, she and Bova were assigned to move containers from the first floor to the basement. The basement had been completed but the top half of the house was made of barren planks. The plastic containers held onto the precious trash that only one person ever wants. "There were old 80s posters in there," said Bova, "and even a Jerry Rice poster." Taffet saw a newspaper from 1993 as she hoisted a box downstairs. These were the semi-precious items that couldn't make the move to Austin, but couldn't be thrown-out either. Old vinyl records were scattered among the plastic containers, mixed with stained papers and empty photograph frames. The boxes couldn't be with their owners; they belonged downstairs for now.

Suitovsky and the other young men, who were still outside the house, began hauling the 140 pieces of drywall up a flight of stairs when they witnessed an altercation. The Saint Bernard volunteer could not parallel park. The only place with a solid curb was in front of a woman's house two doors down. Small trees fanned out of pots by her front door. The sidewalk was gnarled and chewed up everywhere else except in front of this one well-manicured portion in the neighborhood. Her one solid, unspoiled slab of concrete was decorated with pink flowers in the small patch of grass in front. Max Suitovsky, '14, watched as the woman screamed at the volunteer driving the truck as the flowers were smothered by black rubber. "It was clear that this woman took pride in maintaining her house," Bova said, "then there was someone stomping on it." The woman was almost comical in her flurry of cursing over a misplaced parking job, but she didn't stop. She threatened to call the New Orleans police. Then she did. No one came. The police would not come to revive her flowers and the volunteer moved the truck and parked several houses down while the woman's delicate pink bushes lay suffocating in the mud. Suitovsky tried explaining the woman's vicious reaction to the volunteer: "I can only think that maybe she took offense because she's already lost so much that she wants to have *some* control over her life." The storm came, surged, and swept homes away; a volunteer came, parked poorly, and ran over a makeshift garden. Accidents.

Taffet ran into a few accidents of her own as she started setting up boards for where the light fixtures would go. "I measured out my circle from the center of the board to all ends and drew it on. Then I realized it was on the wrong side of the board," Taffet explained. Then she drew the circle on the *right* side and the board didn't fit in the ceiling properly. Finally, after re-sizing the board, re-measuring the circle, and cutting the circle, the ceiling tile slid into its proper place. After careful measurements, the future light fixtures had homes to fill. It takes effort and time to make something belong again.

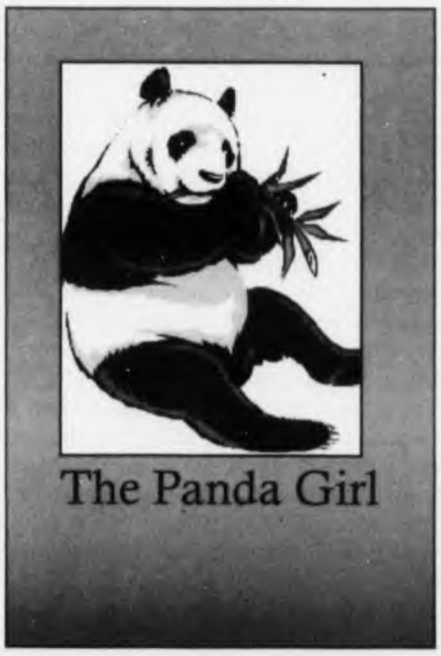
The house was no longer a skeleton, but a home, by the end of the week. All of the drywall was up and the insulation was done, but it would be up to the next set of volunteers to do the detail work. Suitovsky said, "We were outsiders and got the experience, but we were able to leave and they couldn't."

As the group left the now-dressed home, Bova noticed that two more pink flowering bushes stood tall in the small garden, covering the gaping hole. But there were some gaping holes that just couldn't be filled with flowers.

2012 Senior Thesis Exhibition

The Martin Art Gallery proudly hosts the 2012 Senior Thesis Exhibition, which will showcase the work of ten art majors: Nicole Bacchus, Brooke Cutler, Whitney Ellis, Amanda Heiberger, Alexander King, Jessica Marcus, Ariel Messeca, Ruth Trumbull Morris, Emily Snyder, and Marc Stylman. Their work in painting, black-and-white photography, digital photography, graphics, print-making, sculpture, and drawing is the culmination of meeting all the requirements of the two-semester senior seminar course in studio art. An opening reception will be held Wednesday, May 2 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon – 8:00 p.m. The exhibition closes Sunday, May 20. For additional information, please call 484.664.3467.



Dear Panda Girl -

I've decided to live with a friend of mine next year. But, the other day, he fell asleep at my place and I found out that he snores. Loudly. What should I do? Should I confront him about it? I want to be able to sleep peacefully next year, but how can I do that when there's a chainsaw revving in the next bed?

- Not So Soundly-Sleeping Sophomore

Dear NSSS -

Oh, that's unfortunate. I think the two of you should have a little meeting to discuss your living arrangement for next year, and this would be the time to gently bring up the snoring issue. It's very possible he isn't aware of his snoring, or how severe it is. Note, if he snores and then stops breathing for several seconds at a time, you should advise him to speak with his doctor--this is a sign of a condition known as sleep apnea, where a person does not breathe properly in sleep and does not get the amount of oxygen they need. Beyond that, there really isn't much to stop your roommate from sawing wood at night. I do have a few suggestions for you to help be sure you still get the sleep you need. Try going to bed before he does. If you are already deeply asleep before his snores get loud, you won't notice them. Try investing in some ear plugs if you cannot tune it out, or sleep with your iPod plugged into some external speakers. I highly advise NOT to sleep with headphones on--the cord can become entangled around your neck as you turn in your sleep and could cause asphyxiation. In the end, try not to fret too much; it may turn out to be a non-issue. Focus on the positives of living with your friend!

Best,
The Panda Girl

Send your letters to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or to box 2072

Panda Girl is graduating, and needs someone to take over the advice column of the Muhlenberg Weekly! You are welcome to change the name to whatever nickname you please. If you are interested, contact Torie Paone at vp238988@muhlenberg.edu.

Dance Emerge: Student dance works offer variety and insight

By Kelsey Hutchinson
Life Writer

Dance Emerge 2012, this weekend's main stage concert, presented by the Department of Theatre & Dance, offers 10 unique dance works from ten different perspectives in a variety of dance styles and genres.

The concert showcases the work of student dance choreographers: Krista Bacchieri '12, Candace Eaton '12, Kelsey Hutchison '13, Morgan Markowski '12, Christine Marty '12, Amanda Moretz '13, Nina Moshman '13, AlexJo Natale '12, Jenna Neckritz '13, and Jackie Walsh '12. The performance will also display the talents of more than 40 of the department's dancers. Performances will run April 19-22 in the Dance Studio Theatre in the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance.

Under the artistic direction of dance leader Teresa VanDenend Sorgethese choreographers have created pieces that lead the audience on a thought-provoking journey of dance.

"In developing their work, the choreographers explore personal experience, movement concepts, and meaning-making — all supported by a liberal arts education that allows them to integrate a variety of perspectives into their dances," says VanDenend Sorge.

Inspired by the choreographers' personal interests and insights, Dance Emerge 2012 includes pieces in a variety of styles, including Irish step dance, ballet, contemporary, and satirical comedy.

Morgan Markowski '12 has created a piece that juxtaposes modern movement with Irish step dance. These styles are very different aesthetically, since traditional Irish technique is lifted and held in the upper body, while modern dance is more grounded, with a released and fluid upper body. Markowski combines these two movement techniques to create a fresh outlook on both dance styles.

Choreographer AlexJo Natale '12 is working with two male and two female dancers for a piece that demands intense and dynamic partnering among all four dancers. Her piece requires that the dancers trust their partners to support them mid-lift or catch them mid-jump.

"This concept of trust occurred to me last semester while I was making trips into the city for my internship," Natale says. "Amidst the confusion of subway rails, getting lost, and finding the correct subway, every time I boarded the train to get to my job I willingly put my life in someone else's hands. This feeling of being blind to what could happen next was where I spent a majority of my rehearsal process for this piece: things don't go the way you plan for them to go."

Jenna Neckritz '13 has created a piece centered around knitting human bodies together.

"I'm interested in applying my discussions of the famous neurophilosopher William James and the acclaimed author Virginia Woolf, who both illustrated their awareness of the lack of true intimacy," says Neckritz. "I use the term intimacy to refer to a moment in time where two or more people feel as though they are sharing a moment, or that they share consciousness, because they are thinking and feeling the exact same thing. James and Woolf show that there is no way to know exactly what another person is thinking or feeling because you cannot transport yourself into a body or mind that is not your own."

Amanda Moretz '13 has choreographed a dance work that explores the desire to freeze specific moments in time. "Many moments in life are special and unique, and I wanted to explore the ideas of holding on and letting go, as well as the inevitability of progression from past to future," Moretz says. "I have a wonderful cast of dancers who have connected to personal memories and who access those specific memories throughout the dance. This makes my movement quite personal as well as technical."

Regarding the concert, Moretz adds, "I have no doubt that Dance Emerge will be an amazing show this semester. There is a broad spectrum of choreography that is sure to capture the attention of audience members, raise exciting questions, and spark smiles."

Other themes explored through dance range from the exploration of breath in movement to a voyage through the night sky set to organ music composed by Philip Glass.

"The choreographers for Dance Emerge engage deeply in the creative process, building compelling work on their peers, and investigating the concepts and meanings that they desire to present," VanDenend Sorge explains. "It is a true delight to work as the artistic director for this concert."

Brittani Maglio '11

Photo by Matthew Wright

Staff member Lex Gurst designed the costumes for the production. Paul E. Theisen designed the lighting with student designers Douglas Bucci '12, Matthew Caraway '13, and Evan Hershman '14. Sarah Braviak '15 is the production manager, and Hannah Cook '14 is the stage manager for the production.

Dance Emerge performances are April 19-22: Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are sold out; however, a waiting list for floor seating will be made beginning two hours before each performance.

To be added to the mailing list, call 484-664-3333 or come to the Trexler Pavilion box office in person. Campus tickets are $7.

Performances are in the Dance Studio Theatre, Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance.

Student reflects on the 2012 Philosophy Conference

By Torie Paone
Executive Editor

On Sat, Apr. 14, 2012 the college hosted the Spring 2012 Meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophical Association. In the first session, Bernardo Cantens of Moravian College spoke on "A New Argument from Divine Hiddenness: Reasonable Lost Belief." Also in the first session, Melanie Shepherd of Misericordia University discussed "Distracted by Abraham: Figures of Faith in *Fear and Trembling*." In the second session, David Kyle Johnson of King's College spoke on "Identifying the Conflict between Religion and Science." Also in the second session, Peter Gildenhuys of Lafayette College discussed "Social Costs in Euthanasia Debate." Susan Schneider of University of Pennsylvania, the keynote speaker, discussed rethinking "Rethinking Physicalism." In the last session, Aladdin M. Yaqub of Lehigh University spoke on "Causation between Ibn Sina and al-Ghazali."Also in the last session, Joshua Schulz of DeSales University discussed "Marriage and Unbreakable Promises."

Interviewee: Frank Cabrera'12

1) Describe your involvement with Philosophy.

I have been a declared Philosophy major since sophomore year and I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin Madison in the fall. I am also a member of Phi Sigma Tau, the Philosophy Honor Society.

2) In general, what did you think of the Philosophy Conference?

In general, I thought there was a nice diversity of topics presented at the conference. In the first session, I attended "Distracted by Abraham: Figures of Faith in *Fear and Trembling*" by Melanie Shepherd. The discussion was mostly an interpretation of the text *Fear and Trembling* by Soren Kierkegaard. The discussion was textually based. Also in the first session was "A New Argument from Divine Hiddenness: Reasonable Lost Belief" by Bernardo Cantens. His discussion was creative in that it was a variation of an old argument. I took away from both of these discussions that these philosophers are not rehearsing old arguments, but discussing novel interpretations of old arguments.

3) What is your opinion of the keynote speaker?

Susan Schneider is a great speaker and has been directly involved with people who are key players in the study of the philosophy of the mind. I was interested in her discussion because she talked about bringing metaphysics back to the philosophy of the mind, essentially reviving the question "what is the mind?"

4) In general, what was your favorite aspect of the Philosophy Conference?

In general my favorite aspect of the conference is that it was a good way to help foster a thriving intellectual community where the professors were interacting with students. It shows that learning doesn't end on the weekends.

Women's tennis gives Andrews milestone coaching win

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Linda Andrews joined the Century Club. Again.

As coach of the Muhlenberg women's tennis team from 1983 to 1999, Andrews compiled a record of 100-98 in spring dual matches. After two years away, she returned to the helm in 2002, and 10 years later, an 8-1 win at McDaniel gave her a record of 100-57 in her second stint.

Andrews is only the second female (along with former softball coach Ruth Gibbs) in College athletic history to record 200 wins in a sport.

"It's a huge honor [to be a part of her 200th win]," said junior captain Amanda von Taube. "It's kind of hard to comprehend; 200 wins is a huge accomplishment. I think we're all really excited to be a part of it."

Win No. 200 was an important on for the Mules (5-6, 5-4), who are in the hunt for their second consecutive Centennial Conference playoff berth. They are currently in sixth place in the CC with one match to play. A win Saturday at Dickinson would guarantee them no worse than a tie for the fifth and final playoff spot.

The victory against the Green Terror came with a modified singles lineup, as No. 1 player Nina Sanders sat out after winning her doubles match. Everyone moved up a spot, with sophomore Emily Szulman playing No. 1 for the first time in her college career and winning, 6-3, 6-3. Senior Lauren Wink (left) stepped in at No. 6 and picked up her first career win, 6-0, 6-2.

Along with Szulman, freshman Jennifer Goldberg and sophomore Gabriela Contino won at both doubles and singles. All the Mules captured their singles matches in straight sets, enabling the team to enjoy a postgame celebration with a card and flowers for their coach.

"Coach Andrews is a lot of fun," said von Taube. "She's someone we all get along with. And she definitely understands our team and how we work, so when we go out there, she always has positive words of advice. She never gets down on us and is really helpful during our close matches, giving us words of encouragement.

"I started playing with her my freshman year, and she's always been there for me, even as a freshman. She is always looking out for every member of the team and definitely considers each player as an individual and knows how we all work in our own styles."

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Baseball comeback against Swarthmore falls short

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

When the Muhlenberg baseball team started stringing together base runners in the top of the ninth against Swarthmore, a feeling of déjà vu started to form as thoughts drifted back to last season, when the Mules beat the Garnet thanks to a big late-inning comeback capped by a walkoff home run.

But lightning did not strike twice, and Swarthmore held on for an 8-6 win.

With Muhlenberg (18-13, 2-7) trailing by five, sophomore John Scuderi led off the final inning by reaching on an error. Pinch-hitter Nick Plinio hit a sharp comebacker that bounced off the pitcher's glove, and he was able to beat the throw to put runners at first and second with no outs.

Junior John Muha hit a line-drive double to the right-center gap to plate Scuderi and move Plinio to third. Two batters later, Plinio scored on a groundout by senior Nick Busillo to make it 8-5.

Joseph Vila at the plate

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Swarthmore (17-10, 3-6) appeared to have the win in hand when senior Brian Beck stung a line drive right at the right fielder. But the ball was dropped, scoring Muha and bringing the potential game-tying run to the plate.

But the Garnet induced a groundout in the next at-bat to stop the rally and end the game.

After falling behind by two early, Muhlenberg tied the game in the fourth on Busillo's looping RBI double to left center and an RBI single through the right side by freshman Chris Manfredonia.

But three Garnet runs in each of the fourth and sixth innings would prove to be enough.

Muhlenberg's other run was almost two when junior Joseph Vila drove a towering shot to dead center that just missed going out in the fifth.

But on a day when winds whipped out for much of the game, they were relatively calm during Vila's at-bat, and the ball hit off the top of the fence for his 10th career triple. Muha scored on the play; he finished the day with two hits and two runs scored.

Softball powers up in win vs. Eastern

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

The Powerball winning numbers for the Muhlenberg softball team in its doubleheader at Eastern were 4, 10, 16, 21 and 40, and the red number was 25.

The Mules flexed their muscles in winning the first game, 8-1, before dropping the nightcap, 7-6.

4: Muhlenberg (13-13) set a school record with its four home runs in the opener. The previous mark of three was achieved four times, once earlier this season at Swarthmore. Sophomore Colleen O'Donnell hit the jackpot twice, belting a two-run homer in the fifth and a solo shot in the seventh.

O'Donnell's multiple-home run game was the third by a Mule this season, matching the program's total from its 33-year history entering the season.

Sophomore Chelsea Benjamin hit her first career home run in the fifth, and sophomore KellyKline blasted a three-run shot in the first.

The four home runs provided plenty of offense for reigning Centennial Conference pitcher of the week Kelsey Jones, who extended her personal winning streak to four with a five-hit complete game. She struck out four and was one out away from a shutout before giving up an RBI double.

10: Kline's home run was her 10th of the season and the 13th of her career, tying the school record. She is only the second player in Centennial Conference history to reach double figures; the league record is 11.

Colleen O'Donnell at the plate

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

16: Muhlenberg has hit 16 home runs this season, two short of the school record set last year.

21: Although she had her streak of consecutive games with a home run snapped at four, Kline added a two-out three-run double in the third inning of Game 2. It was her 21st extra-base hit of the season, breaking the school record of 20 set by Ashley Brewer last year.

Kline's bases-clearing hit gave the Mules a 3-1 lead. It was 4-2 before the Eagles (14-11-1) took the lead with three in the bottom of the fifth. Muhlenberg tied it in the sixth on a two-out RBI single by junior Devon Barber, who had three hits in the opener, but Eastern answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Senior Shelby Smith singled in a run in the top of the seventh to cut the deficit in half and advanced to scoring position on freshman Jaimie Klotz' third hit of the game, but she was stranded there.

40: The two three-RBI games for Kline gave her 40 on the season, the second-highest total in program history. Kline, who entered the week ranked in the top 10 in Division III in slugging percentage (second), home runs per game (third) and RBI per game (ninth), is averaging 1.60 RBI per game.

25: Matching the number on her jersey, Kline has now hit safely in 25 straight games, continuing to distance herself from the previous school record of 18.

Kline isn't the only Mule on a hitting streak – the whole team is. Over the last 13 games, Muhlenberg is averaging 8.7 runs and hitting at a .348 clip.

Last second goal dooms Women's Lacrosse at Swarthmore

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

The heartbreak continued for the Muhlenberg women's lacrosse team at Swarthmore, and it was the most gut-wrenching game yet.

After leading by three midway through the second half, the Mules withstood a Garnet rally to score the go-ahead goal with 1:57 left. But Swarthmore scored twice in the final 82 seconds, including the game-winner with just two ticks left, to hand the Mules their third straight one-goal loss, 15-14.

Muhlenberg (4-6, 0-6) jumped out to a quick 5-1 lead highlighted by a pair of goals from both sophomore Michelle Certosimo and junior Molly Davin.

The Garnet (9-4, 3-3) came back to pull even five minutes into the second half when the Mules used a 4-1 run to grab their three-goal lead.

After Swarthmore rallied again to force another tie at the 2:39 mark, Muhlenberg went back in front when senior Angela Napoletano drove through the heart of the Garnet defense with a penalty flag on the ground and beat the goalie low to make it 14-13 with 1:57 left.

But the Mules were whistled for a pair of yellow cards during the ensuing possession. They appeared to have forced a stop, but a foul call gave the Garnet extra life, which they used to tie the game for the sixth time.

Freshman Stephanie Umbach grabbed the next draw control in a sea of white Swarthmore jerseys, and the Mules were awarded a free-position shot with 35 seconds left. But it was saved, and Swarthmore was able to get down the field just in time to fire off the game-winner.

Napoletano tied her career high with six goals to become the 19th 100-point scorer in program history. She has amassed 103 points in her career. Umbach pulled in a school-record 12 draw controls, eclipsing the old mark by two.

Davin finished with four goals, and Certosimo added three assists to her two goals for her fourth five-point game of the season. With 23 assists on the year, she is three shy of fifth place on the Mule single-season list.

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Women's tennis cruises past Ursinus on Senior Day

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The wait may have been long, but it was definitely worth it for Emily Robbins of the Muhlenberg women's tennis team. And she wasn't going to let a little rain ruin the day.

Playing in the first dual match of her career, the senior helped the Mules sweep through doubles play en route to an 8-1 win over Ursinus (4-11, 0-7) on Senior Day.

Robbins and fellow senior Lauren Wink were honored during a ceremony before the match. And while Wink, who has not been able to practice much this season because she is student teaching, did not play, Robbins carried the senior torch in a match that had to be moved indoors when a rain shower popped up just before play was set to begin.

She teamed with junior Amanda von Taube to win the first five games and pick up an 8-2 win at No. 3 doubles.

"It felt really good to get a win at doubles," Robbins said. "I'm glad I got to play with Amanda; she played really well and helped me play better."

Sophomores Nina Sanders and Emily Szulman won 8-4 at No. 1 and freshman Jennifer Goldberg and sophomore Gabriela Contino picked up an 8-5 win at No. 2 to give the Mules a 3-0 lead heading to singles play.

Senior Emily Robbins
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And they took full advantage of the opportunity, sweeping the first three singles matches in straight sets to clinch the win. Sanders and Goldberg only dropped three games apiece in their wins at Nos. 1 and 3, and Szulman took her match at No. 3, 6-4, 6-1.

With the victory sealed, the final three matches were played as first to eight pro sets, with freshman Sharen Resnikoff winning 8-4 at No. 4 and Contino capturing her second straight singles match, 8-5, at No. 5.

With their wins, Szulman, Goldberg and Resnikoff all improved to 5-1 in Centennial Conference play.

And while Robbins dropped her singles match, she said it was still a great feeling to be out on the court after cheering her teammates on for the past three seasons. And getting a big conference win was the perfect way to end Senior Day.

"It was great to be able to finally play, especially with my family here." Robbins said. "I'm really glad I was able to help us win."

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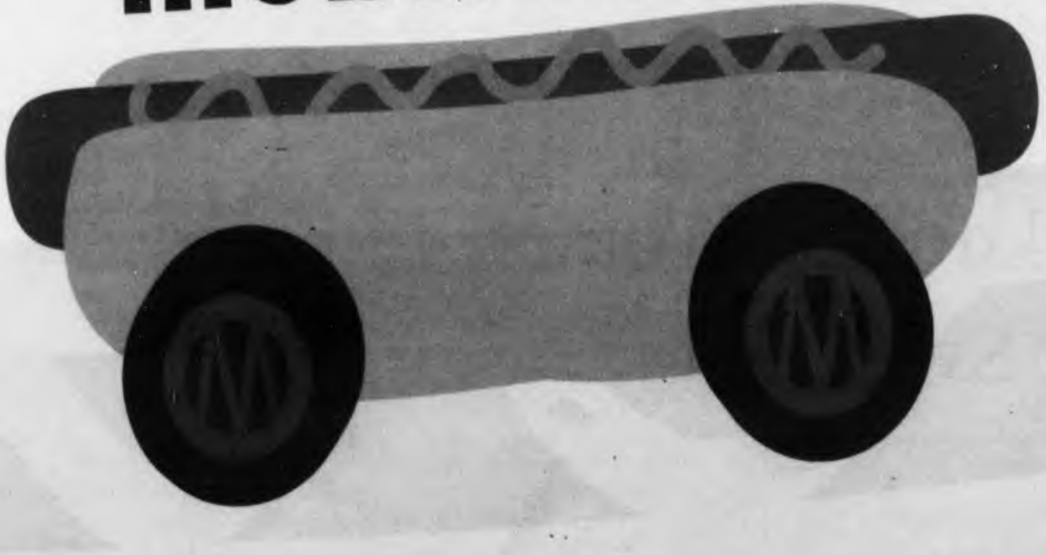

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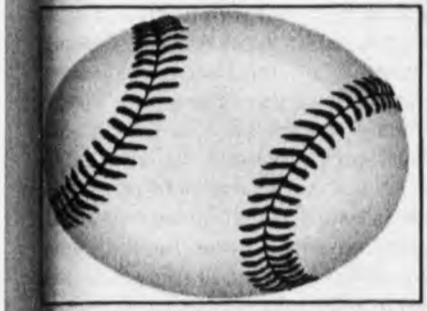

The baseball team ends their season on a win

Mary L. Schapiro, Chair of the SEC, named guest Commencement Speaker

Courtesy of Public Relations Office

Mary L. Schapiro is the 29th Chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Chairman Schapiro was appointed by President Barack Obama on January 20, 2009, unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and sworn in on January 27, 2009. She is the first woman to serve as the agency's permanent Chairman.

Over the course of Schapiro's tenure, the SEC has brought a record number of enforcement actions; pursued scores of individuals and entities in connection with the financial crisis; put in place a series of measures to help reduce the likelihood of another flash crash; obtained significant responsibilities for derivatives, hedge funds and credit rating agencies as a result of financial reform legislation; and underwent a comprehensive restructuring to become more effective in its investor protection mission.

Mary L. Schapiro

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Prior to becoming SEC Chairman, she was CEO of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) — the largest non-governmental regulator for all securities firms doing business with the U.S. public. Schapiro joined the organization in 1996 as President of NASD Regulation, and was named Vice Chairman in 2002. In 2006, she was named NASD's Chairman and CEO. The following year, she led the organization's consolidation with NYSE Member Regulation to form FINRA.

Schapiro previously served as a Commissioner of the SEC from December 1988 to October 1994. She was appointed by President Ronald Reagan, reappointed by President George H.W. Bush in 1989, and named Acting Chairman by President Bill Clinton in 1993. She left the SEC when President Clinton appointed her Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, where she served until 1996.

Schapiro is an active member of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). She was Chairman of the IOSCO SRO Consultative Committee from 2002 to 2006.

A 1977 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., Chairman Schapiro earned a Juris Doctor degree (with honors) from George Washington University in 1980. Chairman Schapiro was named the Financial Women's Association Public Sector Woman of the Year in 2000. She received a Visionary Award from the National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) in 2008, honoring her as a "champion of economic empowerment."

Rachel Jakubowitz named student Commencement Speaker

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

As we begin to welcome the warm weather for (hopefully) the last time, and May begins, we are weekly reminded that it is time to begin to say good-bye to the Class of 2012. However, as we see it as an end, they should see it as a beginning. The College will honor them at Commencement, which will take place May 20th on the front lawn in front of Haas College Center.

This year the College changed the procedure for selecting the student speaker for Commencement. First, the College sent out an email to the entire class of 2012 seeking students to speak at graduation. Those who wished to speak needed to submit a speech. The College received nine speech proposals by the Class of 2012. A group of faculty then had a blind reading of the speeches and selected three. Then the Class of 2012 voted on the speeches written by Shelby Smith, Rachel Jakubowitcz, and Steven Mintz, ultimately selecting Rachel Jakubowitcz as their Commencement speaker.

Rachel Jakubowitz

Photo courtesy of Rachel Jakubowitz

Jakubowitcz majored in Spanish and Media and Communication, because as a freshman she knew that she wanted to study Spanish in order to be fluent as well have a career where she would be working with people.

One of Jakubowitcz's favorite college experiences was studying abroad in Seville, Spain, during the summer of 2010, where she was able to fully immerse herself in Spanish culture and put her skills to use. Since then, she has become fascinated with media, specifically with the outlet of television because of the ordinary stories that are told through different interpretations of the same events. Now Jakubowitcz hopes to work for a television network, and possibly in public relations. After graduation, she wants to give New York City a chance because she thinks it has the most opportunities available.

When Jakubowitcz was asked why she wanted to speak at Commencement she said, "I thought a lot about this decision, but I decided that I wanted to be the one to deliver the last message to my peers. Also, I wanted to discuss some of challenges and accomplishments that I have shared with my class." She continued by explaining that

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My goodbye to the *Weekly*

Here it is: my last issue. After spending three years here on the *Weekly* staff, I really am quite sad to be saying goodbye.

I remember the first time I stepped into the *Weekly* Office in the ML Underground as a first-semester sophomore. I immediately felt welcomed as a part of the group, and I knew at that moment that I wanted to spend the next three years of my school career dedicating almost every Tuesday to the paper.

As I became more immersed in the atmosphere of the *Weekly*, it became more than just an extracurricular activity for me: it became a way of life. I started scheduling my classes around my Tuesday afternoon obligation and looking forward to the time I would spend in the office. Every week, I would have so much fun spending time with people I probably would not have interacted with if not for the paper.

Over the course of these last three years I have spent so much time and effort on this paper, and I am so proud to say that I was a part of it. It was a wonderful outlet for me to take a break from the stress of my classes and an opportunity to learn skills that I would not have learned otherwise.

Although the office is different now than the one into which I first stepped three years ago, my experience at the *Weekly* has remained constant and amazing.

I will forever look back on my time at the *Weekly* as some of the best I spent here at the College, and I am incredibly honored to have brought this year's issues to the College community.

- Melissa

The Art of Goodbye

By Rachel Jakubowitcz
Op/Ed Writer

Saying goodbye is never easy. It comes with a roller coaster of emotions, ups and downs, and usually a lot of stress. The next few weeks will be filled with lots of "Lasts" too. Last dinner with the clubs you're involved with, last classes, and for seniors it's the end of a four-year era. For those of us who aren't continuing with an education it's truly the end of taking classes. Sitting there, listening to professors, and doing homework. I don't think I will miss the homework. But I will miss my professors and the people I have shared great experiences with in all of my classes.

Now that the calendar has changed to May all of the seniors are probably taking a cohesive gulp of air, saying, "well, it's May. We know what that means."#getmeoutofhere #butnotreally We have 19 days, however many hours and minutes, to live it up, seize life, and all those other corny clichés that everyone loves to hate. I think all of the seniors at Muhlenberg College are feeling the same way. Nervous, excited, terrified, ready to end their journeys and begin a new one. I would love to say that I have plans for the following months, but as of today, I do not. And if one more family member, professor, friend, friend's mom, or anyone for that matter asks me what I am doing next year I am going to punch him or her in the face. (Just kidding) This is an exciting time in our lives but it is also very scary. It's a chance to go out into the real world and start working, pursuing another degree, or possibly moving to another city, state, or country.

The best part about finishing an undergraduate degree for many people might be finishing the endless amounts of work that never seem to end. While probably no one wants to admit it, they might miss the hours of camaraderie in the Trexler Library or the late night snack binges at Wawa or Dunkin' Donuts. And what about making forts in the library during finals week? Does any other college do that? The seniors can all probably agree that there have been many ups and downs the past few years at Muhlenberg College. Some good, some bad, many exciting experiences that have contributed to four years of learning, I'm sure many people might be ready to pack their bags and leave while others may have a harder time saying good bye to Chew Street. I know that when I am settled into whatever job I will have, in whatever city I will end up in, I am going to miss hearing the Alma Mater chime from Haas College Center at noon.

At least we will have #ohmymuhlenberg to remind us of the aromatic smells of the CR, the late nights studying, and the well-spent Dining Dollars on Java Joe's and Bagel Bombs. So, goodbye for now Muhlenberg, I'll be seeing you.

A Letter to the Editor

By Patrick McTamany
Op/Ed Writer

My name is Patrick McTamany and I am a senior at Muhlenberg College. In the early morning hours of Friday, March 23rd of this year I was sexually assaulted by another student while staying at a professor's house in Philadelphia with nine other students on a school trip. Upon informing my professor as quickly and discretely as humanly possible and returning to Muhlenberg that same day, I pursued judicial action against this student as he was in extreme violation of my trust, privacy, and the student conduct policies in place. The entire campus received an email that same evening alluding to this incident. After this judicial action had resolved, I found the outcome favorable enough to allow me to resume my life at Muhlenberg, which I had put on hold during this process.

However, under Section 21.2 of our school's own Social Code, accused students may appeal any decision, which is then given to the President who then can make a judgment **based on their own personal interpretation** of the case and is given the materials from the hearing after it has all finished. I was given no voice at all to this decision, which is not how the appeals process in any normal appellant court operates or should operate. Instead it rests solely in the hands of the President of our school, who is fully capable of making a biased decision, given the disproportionate amount of power on their own thoughts, but nevertheless the result must succumb to fallibility of one person, whoever happens to be in the position of President of Muhlenberg College. As a result I as the victim am left in a very vulnerable place with no solutions, no power, and no closure.

> *"I was given no voice at all to this decision, which is not how the appeals process in any normal appellant court operates or should operate."*

I can't even publish the truth about what happened to me for fear of facing defamation of character, libel, harassment, or any other sanctions the school could then impose on me, and I do not mean "my version" of the truth, I mean the truth itself, I know what happened to me that night and no one can or will ever change that. No judicial system is perfect, but if this appeals system stays in place, the judicial process will always run the risk of being completely negated, and victims will never be given a voice in what the President chooses to decide in the appeals process. I am not the first student to become a victim, and unfortunately I will not be the last, though I hope no one should ever have to endure what I have. **Every student** is in danger of falling victim to not only another student, but the devastating effects of having any kind of relief or solution thrown out the window due to the current flaws in our school's judicial system.

This entire nightmare has taken over my final weeks of college life here and instead of thinking about senior events, finals, or graduation, I now have to worry about seeing the person who assaulted me, as I can no longer pursue any action against them and I have not and will not be notified of their presence on campus, even at graduation. I leave this school very shortly, so I don't know how much I can do other than to share my story and hope that if you were a victim, know a victim, or simply want to protect your own rights and safety as a student, please do not hesitate to take action. Write to President Helm or any of our Deans, but especially the Boards of Trustees, as your rights and your safety are permanently in jeopardy. Despite the unending support of my family and friends plus the diligence of many faculty who have graciously supported me and guided me through this ordeal, I now have no protection here on campus nor do I feel safe or happy here anymore, which no student should ever have to feel about the school they've considered their home for four years. Hopefully this will inspire even one person to take action and although I am graduating, until I leave this campus I will fight for the rights and protection we all deserve as Muhlenberg students. If you want to take action, you have the power to demand the safety and rights that are inherently yours, or if you simply need someone to talk to, I will always be here to listen and do my best to help you, even if no one else will.

Alex Gardner: a concert on the violin

BY KWAME QUAYE
OP/ED WRITER

A cacophony of flutes and violins warmed up for the night's chamber orchestra practice.

It was 6:30 p.m. on Thursday night and Alex Gardner sat in the center of the violinists flipping through pages of music and tuning his violin. When the conductor announced the first piece, there was a leaf-like flurry of flipping pages and the cacophony became Mozart's "La Ci Darèm La Maino" and Alex's bow danced across the strings expertly. At the end of practice, the students stood up to leave. Alex didn't. He reached down from his wheelchair with thin arms and began to pack away his violin. "I don't see myself as someone with a disability. I see myself, first, as a regular person and I know my limitations and what I can and can't do, but what's more important is what I can do," he said turning his head and squinting pensively.

Alex, 21, was originally born in Indiana, but he went to school in Shelby Township, MI, until he was 15. Then, he and his family moved to Allentown, PA, and that's where they've been ever since. He attended Parkland High School in Allentown and he is now a fulltime student at the College. Alex is an English major and Spanish minor, and he is also pursuing his education certificate. He has a passion for people and a passion for language and expression. It's no wonder why Alex loves music. It is one of the few modes of expression that cross all boundaries between people—cultural or otherwise. What better way to express yourself?

Alex's love for music started at age nine when he first started playing violin in the fourth-grade band in Roberts Elementary School in Shelby Township, MI. His love for music grew over the years and in high school, he took an interest in learning to play piano. He taught himself for a while and then decided to get professional lessons. In high school, Alex and a group of friends formed a band and performed gigs at different venues in the Lehigh Valley area, including the Crocodile Rock Café in Allentown and Planet Trog in Whitehall.

Daniel Boring, the conductor of the chamber orchestra at the College, said, "Alex has been in my orchestra since his freshman year and has been a consistently strong and talented performer. I can always rely on his professionalism and attention to detail and know that he will and can do anything that I ask."

But music isn't Alex's only passion. In high school, he taught elementary Spanish to little children at Parkway Manor Elementary School. "It's a special feeling you get when you see someone demonstrate something you taught them," he said. "People need people to believe in them. They need people to encourage them. We all have a lot of pressure to attain things. But we all need someone who will support us." That is how he also approaches the religious education class he teaches for 8th graders at St. Thomas Moore Church in Allentown. And every summer, Alex volunteers his time at a camp for children with ventilators. He just wants to be there as a mentor and as a source of support for the kids.

For Alex, support comes from almost everybody around him. It comes from his doctors; it comes from his church, but most of all it comes from his family. "I'm extremely proud of Alex. I love his attitude towards life and the fact that he enjoys it so fully," his father, Mike, said. Alex was born with tiny holes in his muscle tissue, an ailment known as Central Core Disease (CCD). It is an inherited neuromuscular disorder that weakens the body's muscles. The mind, however, is left unscathed. It starts at infancy, typically with low muscle tone that gives the newborn a floppy appearance. As the child ages, motor development is delayed. Most children with CCD never learn to walk. That was the case with Alex. Not only did it prevent him from learning to walk, but Central Core Disease also weakened his immune system so that, by the age of three, he contracted a case of pneumonia so bad that since then, he has had to be attached to a ventilator to aid him in breathing. Around the same time that Alex first got a ventilator, he also got his first wheelchair and he has been wheelchair-bound ever since. Despite all that, Alex does not view himself as a disabled person.

"When my family looks at me, they see where I was and they see how far I've come," said Alex.

Alex's disease has put him in a wheelchair and it has made him unable to breathe on his own, but still he does not use any of that as an excuse. Going to a regular school, graduating high school, attending college, making goals for his future—everything he has wanted to achieve so far—"all those dreams, all that has happened," Alex's dad marveled.

Alex has not let his disease get the best of him. If anything, he has let it bring out his best. "When I've set my mind to things I want to do, I've found ways to overcome [my limitations]," he said. "I'm hardheaded."

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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 23 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a found set of keys. The owner later claimed the keys.

Apr. 23 – Found Property – In Brown Mall, there was a report of a found cell phone. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The phone was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 23 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Moyer Hall, first floor, there was a report of excessive trashing. Food was thrown around. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 23 – Motor Vehicle Theft (Automobile) – On campus, there was a report of theft of a vehicle. Allentown Police Department responded and took a report.

Apr. 23 – Smoke/Burning Odor – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of smoke from an oven due to burnt paper towels. A Campus Safety officer removed paper towels and tin foil from the oven. No fire alarm sounded. There was no further incident.

Apr. 24 – Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) – In the faculty/staff parking lot, there was a report of a vehicle that was illegally parked. The vehicle was not registered and had an excessive amount of tickets. A boot was put on the vehicle and later removed by a Campus Safety officer.

Apr. 24 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner later claimed the item.

Apr. 25 – Suspicious Activity – On Early St., off campus in the back of College property, there was a report of suspicious individuals. The individuals were attempting to break into vehicles earlier in the night. Allentown Police Department responded. One individual was identified and released.

Apr. 25 – Unauthorized Person/People – In Walson Hall, there was a report of unauthorized individuals in a room. The individuals were identified and spoken to. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 25 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of several found items including notebooks, a jacket, DVD case, pencil case, belt, gloves, and sweater. It is unknown when the items were found or to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 25 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, fieldhouse, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further treatment or transport.

Apr. 26 – Found Property – In the commuter parking lot, there was a report of a key found in a vehicle trunk. The owner was notified to pick up the key at the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 26 – Unlawful Entry (No Force) – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of theft of two laptops and a backpack. Entry into the students' room was through an unlocked door. Students should be advised that they should keep their rooms locked when they are unoccupied. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 26 – Injured Student – On the Benfer drive, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 26 – Lost Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Apr. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 27 – Safety Hazard – In Plant Operations, mailroom, there was a report of a prop sword received in the mailroom. The recipient was notified and responded to the mailroom. The item will be sent to the student's home. There was no further incident.

Apr. 27 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of several found items including a cell phone, watch, and jewelry. It is unknown to whom the items belong. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 27 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – At 432 Albright St., there was a report of drug paraphernalia. The item was photographed and brought to the Campus Safety office. The item was placed in the evidence closet. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 28 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a found iPod. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 28 – Sick Student – In Robertson Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 28 – Injured Student – On the back drive, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 29 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found bracelet. It is unknown to whom the item belongs. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 29 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. Allentown EMS transported the student to the hospital.

After four years of covering Campus Safety this will be my final report before I graduate. I want to thank everyone at Campus Safety, and especially Patti Fry, for their help and cooperation.

~Adam Bernstein

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Celebrating Relay for Life 2012

By Jennifer Freed
News Editor

Dozens of purple balloons flooded the cotton candy sunrise while volunteers began to decorate Scotty Wood Stadium. On Sun. Apr. 29, the College and Allentown residents crowded the field in order to celebrate their seventh annual Relay for Life in conjunction with the American Cancer Society and Colleges Against Cancer (CAC).

The long process began during the fall semester with the establishment of different committees responsible for planning and organizing the event. The committees, comprised of CAC participants as well as other members of the College, were responsible for refreshments, decorations, sponsorship, advocacy, and fundraising.

The event began with the opening ceremony, which honored cancer survivors with the Survivor Lap. Following the ceremony, acapella, dance, and music groups performed, including Live in Color, Noteworthy, The Soul Sound Steppers, Factory Seals, Pep-band, and Perks.

To add an interesting twist to the entire event, Hillel hosted spin art where many people, including children, participants had the opportunity to create their memorabilia. Another interesting event that allowed other groups on campus to get involved was water pong, hosted by Delta Tau Delta.

When asked how this particular event affected her personally, Co-Chair Growth and President of Colleges Against Cancer, Gabbi Aboodi '14, said, "Relay was an amazing experience. This event in particular gave us the opportunity to provide support to cancer patients, survivors and especially, to remember the ones who we've lost. It was a really incredible day to celebrate, remember, and fight back."

Relay for Life logo.

Photo Courtesy of Google Images

During the ceremony, many people had the chance to express the ways in which their experience with Cancer provided them with the opportunity to give back. Anne Duckett, Blythe Duckett's mother, spoke about her personal reaction to cancer with her daughter by her side. Rachel Kramer '13 spoke for the second time this year as well. She shared her experience during the ceremony: "I got involved with Relay my freshman year of high school because it was huge in my town and it was an extremely emotional and moving experience."

While many people had the opportunity to volunteer for Relay for Life this year, some of the most dedicated members of this organization were American Cancer Society Staff Partner: Jenna Paradiso; Event Chair: Jessica Marcus; Co-Chair Growth: Gabrielle Aboodi; Co-Chair Production: Franni Drachtman; Co-chairs in training: Ali Rosenberg & Karen-Trakhtenberg; Fundraising: Amy Kantorek & Laura Morris; Publicity: Lisa Hittner; Spirit: Jessie Segal; Sponsorship/Vice President: Emily Prawer; Team Development: Bayla Shepley; Ceremonies/Survivorship: Blythe Duckett; Decorations: Rebecca Charlop; Entertainment: Lauren Berman; Food Donations: Bess Glickman & Beth Rader; Luminaria: Simone Kassas; Mission Delivery: Dayna Kline; Advocacy: Rachel Kramer; and Treasurer: Bess Glickman.

Lastly, $52,600 was raised on behalf of Relay for Life. Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back!!!!

Good Luck with Finals and
have a great summer!!
-*Weekly* Staff

Forming the pact: MulePAC 2012

By Michele Freesman
News Writer

"As the world faces monumental challenges, I know that Israel and America will face them together. We stand together because we are fired by the same ideals and inspired by the same dream the dream of achieving security, prosperity and peace." Benjamin Netanyahu's speech at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Policy Conference in 2010 was my first taste of pro-Israel politics. There, I was inspired by the 7,000 activists, especially the 1,300 students from college campuses around the country, who sought to strengthen the US-Israel relationship in order to ensure a safer Israel and America.

When I arrived on the College's campus in the fall, I noticed that there was no shortage of positive sentiment towards Israel. Birthright returnees seemed to be in abundance, the Mules United For Israel filled a room at their first meeting, and there always seemed to be programming about Israel through Hillel. The part that was missing, however, was the political side of supporting Israel. I wanted to show our campus that supporting Israel is not just a Jewish value, but also an American value, and that the best way to promote this ideal is through engaging in politics.

With the help of Patti Mittleman, the director of Hillel, Gil Schpero, Program Engagement Associate of Hillel, and Ellen Kruk, AIPAC Field Organizer, MulePAC became the new bipartisan pro-Israel political group on campus. MulePAC's mission is to promote the US-Israel relationship through bipartisan political activities such as lobbying, volunteering on election campaigns, and letter writing.

As a group, we have already started instituting this mission. On Apr. 3, we joined a group at Lehigh University, Lehigh Friends of Israel, in welcoming Congressman Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania's 15th District to discuss his support for the US.-Israel relationship and the challenges ahead regarding Iran, Egypt, and the peace process. In addition, the President of the Lehigh Friends of Israel, Michael Leftkoe and I presented the Congressman with statements of support for the US-Israel relationship each signed by influential student leaders on our respective campuses. Fifteen prominent leaders from the College signed the statement, including Student Government President Rebecca Romano '14, who attended the AIPAC Policy Conference 2012 with me this past March.

We have also spent time talking with Jackson Eaton and Rick Dougherty who both ran in the Democratic Primary in the Lehigh Valley for a spot in the congressional election that is going to take place in the fall. After the debate that the Muhlenberg College Democrats sponsored between the two candidates, I had a chance to speak with them about the strategic importance of aligning with Israel and ensuring that Iran does not obtain nuclear capabilities.

Ari Aranov, '15, joined MulePAC after attending two AIPAC Policy conferences where he heard speakers such as President Obama, Eric Cantor (R-VA), House Majority Leader, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), House Minority Leader, John Boehner (R-OH), House Minority Leader, and Prime Minsiter Netanyahu speak about the US-Israel relationship. "I joined MulePAC because I feel it is one way in which I can make a difference regarding Israel's future. With the constant threats of destruction aimed at Israel, and with all of the people bent on delegitimizing Israel and making it out to be an apartheid state, I feel that now more than ever we need to gather as much support for Israel as we possibly can. Joining MulePAC is a way that one can do this."

MulePAC also has some events coming in the near future. A group of MulePAC students will be traveling to Washington D.C. in July for a four day leadership conference. We are also, starting in the fall semester, going to be working on the re-election campaign of Congressman Dent to express our gratitude for his unwavering support for Israel.

If you would like to become involved in MulePAC or receive further information about the group please "like" our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/mulesheartisrael or email Michele Freesman at mf245685@muhlenberg.edu.

'Berg names Michael Huber new Dean for Academic Life

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Michael Huber, Ph.D., has been named Dean of College for Academic Life at Muhlenberg College. Huber is currently an associate professor of mathematics at the College.

Dr. Huber

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Huber earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in physics/engineering from Loyola College in Baltimore. He received his master's degree in material science and engineering/electrochemistry from The Johns Hopkins University, and received a master's degree and a Ph.D. in applied mathematics from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Ca. Huber is a veteran of the U.S. Army.

In his capacity as Dean of the College for Academic Life, Huber will oversee the Academic Resource Center, the Office of Disability Services, the Career Center, Health Professions Advising and the Senior Year Experience. He will also provide leadership for the College's Prestigious Awards Initiative along with additional administrative duties.

"Michael Huber is a great citizen of Muhlenberg, and I look forward to working closely with him," says Dr. John Ramsay, Provost of Muhlenberg College. "The search committee was tremendously impressed with the range of his leadership experiences, his commitment to students, his management skills, and his devotion to the College."

Huber came to Muhlenberg in 2006 after a long and distinguished military career. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel before retiring after 24 years. He taught at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point from 1993 to 1996 and from 2000 to 2006.

At Muhlenberg, Huber earned the 2009 Robert C. Williams Faculty Research Award for outstanding scholarship and creative work. He is the author of several books, including three on Sabermetrics, the science of baseball statistics. He has also published dozens of academic articles and contributed and edited numerous book chapters.

"The Dean's position at Muhlenberg requires a rare combination of organizational skills, counseling sensitivity, and management savvy," says President Randy Helm. "I was impressed by the strengths of the four internal candidates who emerged from our faculty in the search for the next Dean, and particularly pleased by the Provost's selection of Mike Huber for this important post."

Huber begins his term July 1. He is replacing Dr. Carol Shiner Wilson, who is retiring after nearly 30 years of service at the College.

Huber and his wife Teresa have three children, including his youngest, Stephanie, a rising junior at the College.

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while writing her speech, she wrote from her heart about what she felt her fellow graduates would want to hear, while trying to keep the speech honest and realistic.

While writing the speech, she thought about the people who had impacted her life here, such as her peers and professors. Jakubowitcz is honored to be given the opportunity to speak to her peers and hopes she imparts last words of advice upon them. She hopes that everyone enjoys the speech.

Although, Jakubowitcz said she might edit the speech slightly, but she is overall very happy and excited to deliver it. As a preview, she says that she did not quote anyone, but she does mention some movies because she mentioned, " #mediacommmajorproblems."

Further, Jakubowitcz said that while writing her speech, she heavily reflected on the last four years of her life. She comments, "In general, meeting new people, joining Phi Mu, and studying abroad were among my favorite experiences." However, when Jakubowitcz was asked what her favorite year of college was she gave a more definitive answer commenting, "Freshman year was the best. It seemed like you had the rest of your life ahead of you and the world felt big, like you could anything. Also, everything was a new experience, so it was exciting, fun, and a learning experience."

Another important experience for her was in the classroom, being able to sit in an all-Spanish class and know what was going on without having to think about it. She believes that being fluent in Spanish is a great skill and thinks that everyone should study a language. She continued, "I know this sounds corny, but as I wrote my speech I began to realize that I am a different person than I was as a freshman. I learned not just in academia, but also about myself, and I feel like I have grown. But I know I still have a lot of learning left to do." However, not that her college experience is over, Jakubowitcz says, "I am terrified."

When asked what she would say if she could go back in time and give her freshman self advice, she commented, "I would say I wished that I had honed in on one or two things and focused all my energy on them, so I had a some solidified achievements that I could take credit for. Also, I would tell myself not too stretch myself to thin. "

Jakubowitcz did not want to pick a favorite, saying that all of her professors, even if she only them once, impacted her life in some way and that she wants to keep in touch with all of them. Also, she said that her professors helped to shape her college experience and how she developed during her four years here.

Lastly, Jakubowitcz will speak about the idea that college is what you make it, or what you have made it, and that everyone has/had the chance to make the best four years for themselves.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012.

Seniors!

Be sure to check out the Senior Week issue on May 17th!

Weekly Sudoku

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Jeannette R. Ickovics '84 is Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health and of Psychology at Yale University. She is the Founding Director of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Program at the School of Public Health. She is Deputy Director for the Yale Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, where she also serves as Director of Development, Education and Training. As Principal Investigator of an NIH training grant since 1999, she has trained more than 50 pre- and post-doctoral fellows – a next generation of prevention scientists. Ickovics is also Founding Director of CARE: Community Alliance for Research and Engagement – committed to improving community health through evidence and action.

Ickovics' research lies at the intersection between public health and psychology. She investigates the interplay of the complex psychological, medical, and social factors that influence the health of the person and of the community. She uses this lens to examine the challenges faced by those who have often been marginalized by the health care system and by society. Ickovics is an expert on maternal and child health, as well as more general research on the interaction of clinical, psychological and social factors that promote good health for individuals and communities. Her community-based research – more than $20 million funded by NIH, CDC, and private Foundations -- is characterized by methodological rigor and cultural sensitivity. She is the author of more than 125 peer-reviewed publications.

In recognition of her contributions to the field, she has received many awards, including the Emerging Leadership Award and the Early Distinguished Contributions for Psychology in the Public Interest from the American Psychological Association. She is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, and was elected to membership in the American Psychosomatic Society and the New York Academy of Medicine. She is a winner of the Seton Elm-Ivy Award, a Yale University award, recognizing people for their efforts to strengthen ties between Yale University and the city of New Haven. Ickovics has consulted with the Institute of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Public Health Service, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as with investigators at other universities worldwide.

Liz McCartney and Zack Rosenburg co-founded the St. Bernard Project, an innovative post disaster rebuilding organization that operates in New Orleans, LA and Joplin, MO. They have led SBP from its inception, as a three-person volunteer operation, to its current position, as an organization with $8 million in revenue and 50 full time staff members that recruits over 10,000 AmeriCorps members and volunteers annually. SBP is a regional and national leader in affordable post disaster rebuilding, community mental health services and job creation for veterans.

Rosenburg is the CEO of St. Bernard Project and directs the strategic vision, marketing, partnership development and fundraising for the organization. Prior to launching SBP, Mr. Rosenburg ran a criminal defense practice in Washington, DC. He received his J.D. from American University and an LLM from Georgetown University. Mr. Rosenburg was an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow at the Georgetown University Law Center's Criminal Justice Clinic.

McCartney is the Director of Construction and Operations and oversees all building operations. In her current role, Ms. McCartney had led her team to reduce the average lead time to rebuild a house from 116 to 63 days. Liz was awarded an Urban Innovation Fellow at Tulane University in 2011 to scale and replicate SBP with support from the university. Liz received a B.A. from Boston College and an M.A. from The George Washington University.

St. Bernard Project has received numerous awards and recognitions including: 2008 CNN Hero of the Year, 2008 Manhattan Institute Social Entrepreneurship Award, 2009 New Orleanians of the Year, 2010 Caring Award, 2011 Help Point Heroes and 2011 White House Champion of Change. They have been featured in national and international media outlets including the cover of US News and World Report, BBC, Oprah Winfrey Show, New York Times, CNN, Washington Post, Huffington Post, Boston Globe, and Times Picayune. In the years since Hurricane Katrina, Muhlenberg College has sent dozens of students to work with the St. Bernard Project as part of its Alternative Spring Break program.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Isolated Thunderstorms	Isolated Thunderstorms	Partly Cloudy
High: 84 Low: 62	High: 78 Low: 54	High: 71 Low: 45

Social Justice Collaborative Club on Muhlenberg Campus

BY CHRISTINA CELLANTE
NEWS WRITER

The Social Justice Collaborative is a new club on campus that started in Fall 2011. It was started by students of S.T.A.N.D., which included Jennifer Bleznack '12, and students in Oxfam America: Muhlenberg Chapter, which included Andalisa Lopez '12, Alexander Brotman '14, and Christina Cellante '14. These students felt that their two clubs had similar goals to spread awareness about social justice issues happening in the world. The students thought that it would be best that instead of having two separate clubs doing the same thing, there should just be one.

The goals of the Social Justice Collaborative are to have an open forum where people can talk about issues affecting the world and to spread awareness about certain causes to the Muhlenberg Community by participating in discussions or holding events on campus. These events can be just for the club or can include the rest of the campus community.

Social justice is a very important topic for the Muhlenberg community. Brotman points this out by saying that "social justice issues are all around us, local and global, and the SJC is a great place to start the dialogue and take action." This past school year, the Social Justice Collaborative has sponsored many events with other organizations. These events included a movie screening of "Women in Warzones," and several panel discussions, including "Humanitarian Aid: Should we Sever Western Ties?" and "What Does Social Justice Mean?"

Christina is President of the Social justice club.

PHOTO BY CHRISTINA CELLANTE

The club has dedicated members who want to continue spreading awareness about certain topics to the campus community. Next semester, we hope to have new members that are passionate about issues affecting society today in order to have more enriching discussions and events for the campus community. We welcome any new voices to the conversation and new collaborations with other groups focusing on issues of social justice.

> "What ever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve."
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> - Napolean Hill

Alumni Spotlight

Frank Caria

By Samantha Langner
Managing Editor

1) When did you graduate? What were your majors/minors?

I graduated in 2001 with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. I was a pre-law candidate at that time.

2) Do you plan on going back to school to get an advanced degree? If yes, in what?

I did plan on continuing my education and I accomplished this in 2003 when I received my Masters in Public Administration with a Healthcare & NFP Management specification. I had started at Rutgers University in Newark, NJ and completed my degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ. I do have thoughts of continuing my education which include more post graduate certificates and potentially a doctorate degree.

Frank Caria

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3) What activities were you involved with on campus?

My proudest accomplishment was the development and establishment of the first campus Emergency Medical Service which is still activate today. I worked diligently to put together a program that could assist both the students and campus police and it came to fruition in October of 1999. I served as the Founder and Captain of EMS. I also participated in the CCC Chapel Christian Community and actually resided in their MILE House Residence for one year. I also participated in what was the Concert Board and assisted with the set up and scheduling of events on campus.

4) What do you miss most about being on campus?

The community atmosphere is probably what I miss most. Muhlenberg has changed so much since I graduated and the community environment seems to be thriving even more. Once you leave college, there are rarely opportunities to walk down the street and see friends, grab something to eat, have professors that can guide you along the way, and supportive services as well as events, all within a few square blocks.

5) Is there something you appreciate about Muhlenberg now that you are no longer a student?

I appreciate what the school had to offer and the extensive enhancements and offerings in all aspects of the community since I have left. From the food in the old "garden room" to the development of new administrative positions, the College has a lot to offer the students that you often do not realize until you have graduated and look back. You often realize what you may have missed as well.

6) Is there any advice you would give to a freshman to help them make the most of their Muhlenberg experience?

I would have to say to give it time if you don't think college or Muhlenberg is the place for you. I didn't get really settled until my sophomore year midway through and really had some difficult times deciding. I didn't realize back then it was deciding on my future and I am glad I decided to stay. Make the most of what the College and campus has to offer.

7) What is your current job? Describe what you do on a daily basis.

My current job is as a Corporate Compliance Officer in the healthcare field. Basically my job entails ensuring that the agency and everyone who works for it is operating in accordance with current laws, regulations, policies, ethical standards, and quality standards. I monitor everything from anonymous reporting lines and conflicts of interest to billing concerns and quality of care issues.

8) Are there any other jobs you have held or hope to hold?

I'd like to continue my career in this area and healthcare administration and I think that is where I will stay for life because there are so many areas. I used to work in the radiology department at a major cancer center and as a transplant coordinator for organ donation. Both of those were rewarding and left me with a vast amount of experience. I also continue volunteer and part time work as an Advanced EMT and still find that rewarding.

9) What has been your biggest accomplishment since graduating from Muhlenberg, work or personally?

I don't think I can put my finger on one thing. Some of the hard work that I hope to have contributed to the agencies that I have and had worked for as well as those that I volunteer for are my greatest accomplishments. I like to think that I always enter and leave a position trying to make a difference and to make the agencies better. I am of course always proud to see that after graduating, the EMS program that I left the College with and we all worked together to develop is running strong, 12 years later.

10) What is your commute like?

I have about a 40-45 minute commute everyday. It is by car so I have expensive gas bills. Any person would be lucky to have a shorter commute so if you have the opportunity to live close to your career I would recommend it. I have thought about moving closer but I don't find a necessity to as of yet. I am lucky though, other people have much longer commutes and those being via public transportation.

11) What has the transition been like from being a student to working full time?

A lot of people warned you it is time to face reality when this happens and that's just it. Luckily I was working part-time and going to school so it was not as much of a shock going to full time work straight out of school for me. It is definitely a change from having to get dressed differently and commuting and all of the other things that come along with a career but it is easily manageable.

12) What are tips you would give to students looking for jobs?

I recently had the opportunity to think about this, and the one thing I can recommend is use the internet resources to make your connections and see what there is out there. It may have you rethink an area or career that you had wanted to look for when you had originally sought a degree and make you see other avenues that may be available to you these days. Using resources such as LinkedIn and other internet sites is a great way to make a connection with people from the past and current that may help you along the way.

13) How do you stay connected to Muhlenberg?

Unfortunately up until more recently I did not stay as connected to Muhlenberg as I had wished. I participated in an on and off Long Island Alumni Association which gradually fizzled out into the New York group as a whole and unfortunately never really got off the ground as much as we had wanted. I recently took initiative in re-connecting with the college by attending an Open Alumni Board meeting, this past year's Alumni weekend dinner, and a panel for political science graduates which was a joint project between the department and career services.

Maybe Trust the B---- in Apartment 23

BY ALLISON DIAMOND
LIFE WRITER

Don't Trust The B— in
APT 23

Krysten Ritter as The B----

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Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23 is a new half-hour comedy whose title catches your attention and whose Odd Couple-esque leading ladies hope to keep it. Krysten Ritter stars as morally bankrupt Chloe and Dreama Walker plays June, a small-town girl new to the Big Apple who arrives with ambition and idealism. The girls become roommates, and in short time June discovers Chloe's flair for manipulation after surviving her "take the money and make her run" scheme, in which Chloe asks for rent from her new roommate and then scares her out of the apartment. June stays put, however, surprising Chloe with her determination. This act of defiance gains June some respect from Chloe, and the moment in the first episode in which we consider if Chloe can care about someone other than herself is when she seduces June's dishonest boyfriend to prove to June that he is cheating on her. Perhaps, we wonder, Chloe does care about others, but is only capable of showing it in her own warped way.

The B---- in Apartment 23 is trying very hard to make Chloe immoral. We see her set up newly single June with her father, who is questionably separated from her wheelchair-bound mother, and adopt a foster child only to employ her as her personal assistant. In order for the audience to invest in a main character who behaves so outlandishly, however, Chloe must be grounded in some human emotion. Perhaps she might develop in the vein of How I Met Your Mother's Barney Stinson, who, despite his often-questionable actions, is empathetic and well-intentioned at heart.

Also in need of more dimension is June, who is portrayed as a type-A rule-follower – a slave to her so-called "life plan." We momentarily see this smooth façade crack, however, when June very publicly and hilariously blows up at Chloe's foster child at the coffee shop where she works. This was a needed release for both June and the audience, who had thus far seen an uptight, one-note character. Walker's large, expressive eyes serve June better in this moment of neurotic anger than in her attempts to have it all together.

B---- in Apartment 23 also features actor James Van Der Beek as a heightened egotistical version of himself and a good friend of Chloe's. Laughs are mined from Van Der Beek's struggle to move beyond his career-making, title role on the 1990s hit teen-drama Dawson's Creek. His character teaches a "master class" at a university in an effort to enhance his credibility, yet the class dissolves into a Creek fan convention, with students giddy at the sight of their beloved Dawson. Though fans of Creek do firmly remain a decade after the show's run, it seemed questionable that college students would be so passionate about a show aimed at teenagers that aired when they were toddlers. There is comedic potential in depicting the struggles of a former teenage-heartthrob, but the show seems unsure as how to utilize Van Der Beek.

As B---- in Apartment 23 continues, the success of the show will hinge on the development of the chemistry between roommates Chloe and June, as well as how Van Der Beek's character fits into the overall dynamic of the show. B---- in Apartment 23 has a premise with potential and a cast with comedic chops that, developed well, could land it a tentative place among the competitive realm of half-hour comedies.

Restaurant Reviews:

Spice up your food

BY ZARAYA WADE
LIFE WRITER

Is anyone aware that there are tons of restaurants in somewhat close distance to Muhlenberg?

Being a junior at the College, I became aware that there were so many places that I have yet to experience in the Allentown-Whitehall area. Granted, I don't have a car so that has always made my options somewhat limited. But with my girlfriend around this weekend, I was able to explore new options that were never too available to me. My friend recommended the only restaurant she could remember at the moment: Spice India. And since this was a trusted friend, that is exactly where my girlfriend and I decided to go. We took a little trip to Spice India in Whitehall. And let me tell you, we were amazed at our findings. Indian food is really cheap!!! OK, so maybe not really cheap but it is decently cheap enough for a college students budget. The options were difficult to chose from if you were not familiar with the cultural food. However, that made this adventure that much more exciting.

Trying new options was spontaneous and satisfying. The appetizer was called Appetizer for 2... A pretty simple name to describe an array of different samplers (which were all delicious by the way). There were vegetable samosas, pakoras, and two other things that I can't remember. And there was only one word that could describe the main entrées: yummmm. (And yes, I meant to include the numerous mmmm, it was that good). We ordered Chicken and Shrimp Curry, because we were both familiar with curry spice. But Spice India put their own twist on the way they prepared the food. The Shrimp Curry was proportionately spiced and the Chicken Curry was seasoned to perfection. The way the entrée was set up allowed the customers to place their own servings on their own plates, which allowed you the customer to eat only as much as you wanted to. I loved this set up because it reduced the amount of food that was wasted. All in all, the food was just delicious.

Our only grief was our waiter. He must have been tired or something, because he lacked enthusiasm. He could have definitely been more pleasant while servicing us. He was helpful but quiet. He did not try and make any connections with us as customers, which is why he did not receive a tip. *shrugs* The power we hold as customers are sometimes overlooked in the customer service industry. But Spice India is definitely a must try for all College students. You will not be disappointed.

Two for twenty

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar

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Two for Twenty bucks at Applebee's is always a blessing for a college student with a very small budget. And a trip there this Saturday just confirmed that for me. This weekend I found myself starving and so tired of Sodexo food. And after my amazing adventure at Spice India, I could not bring myself to go back to the college food I have been forcing myself to eat these past three years. So, another food rendezvous it was. But this time, something a little more mainstream and corporate: Applebee's.

Of course the food was amazing, it was Applebee's! The two for twenty was a menu from the heavens. With this menu, two people can split one appetizer and each have their own entrée all for twenty dollars. With four to five different appetizers and entrees to choose from, the possibilities seemed endless. The appetizer came quickly (which was a shocker saying that I usually wait ten to fifteen minutes for an appetizer at Applebee's). And the entrée followed up less than minutes after we were done with the appetizer. I was highly impressed with the speediness of the food.

The real shocker, however, was how SWEET and attentive the waitress, Julia, was. Besides being witty, she was patient, and humble. I did not feel like she was trying too work us in order to receive a huge tip. I genuinely believed that she enjoyed her job and wanted to make our experience just as great. And even when the drinks got messed up, she sent someone over immediately to rectify the situation. It's like what my nanna use to say, "You get more with honey rather than vinegar" (and if anyone knows me, I am not a person who tips at all, but Julia definitely received one this Saturday and she really deserved it).

Comparing my waiter experience at Spice India with the one at Applebee's, Applebee's came out on top. Which makes me wonder, what is the reason that Applebee's seems to have better customer service than smaller businesses such as Spice India? I would assume that the fast pace of Applebee's would make the customer service decrease tremendously, yet today just proved that theory wrong. I wouldn't mind going back to Applebee's to find out what makes the waitresses and waiters so happy. Well, whatever the reason is, on this Saturday afternoon, Applebee's just made one more college student very happy. And while I'm there, I may just try that two for twenty menu again.

The bird *is* the word

By Ian Hassan
Life Writer

Tucked away in his office and surrounded by books, Professor Daniel Klem Jr. is hard at work, perpetually vigilant in his quest to spread knowledge across the minds of students and the world. This kind and passionate grey-haired man is all that comprises the teaching faculty of the College's Acopian Center for Ornithology, better known as the bird museum.

It's easy to miss him and his office if you never have a reason to go up to the fourth floor of the Shankweiler science building. But watch him in the classroom and it's not hard to see his passion for teaching and learning.

As a child, Klem was fascinated with wildlife and science but his parents who emigrated from Eastern Europe did not have books around the house for him to read. So he did what any inquisitive mind would do, he explored the wilderness around his rural Pennsylvania home.

That natural-born curiosity took him to college, where in 1964, he found himself an extremely timid freshman in a flock of others at Wilkes College. After a few weeks of being a freshman and trying to assimilate as college students do, a distraught Klem made a pact with himself while crossing a river on his way to a series of meetings with multiple professors: if he didn't learn a single thing that day, during those meetings, he would come back to that very spot and dump all of his books in the river.

Trepid but patient, Klem waited for his first two appointments. But the professors --one biology, one math--both canceled on him. Klem approached his third meeting devoid of hope. The chemistry professor was purported to be completely unemotional and stoic, a rock. Tears in his eyes, Klem asked for help one last time. And upon seeing such tenacity in someone so beat down, the professor, no longer a cold and stationary rock, sat down with the miserable student and did what no one had done before: helped. Klem kept his books and did not look back.

Years later, Klem met the chemistry professor again and let him know how much he had changed his life.On that night, it was the elder professor's turn to cry. Because of that one act ofkindness Klem persevered, earning a bachelor's and master's in biology, followed by a doctorate in zoology.

But before he became the wizened ornithologist he is today, Professor Klem had another bridge to cross. The year was 1968 and the Vietnam War was in full swing and Klem was drafted into the army right before he was to start his graduate studies at Northeastern University. He served as platoon leader for the 1st Platoon, 265th Radio Research Company, in direct support of the 101st Airborne Division for a full year, from the spring of 1970 to spring of 1971. The future scientist returned home from war unscathed and was awarded a Bronze Star, which is the fourth highest combat award of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Eight years later, Professor Klem made his way to Muhlenberg. Originally he wanted to study birds of prey but was turned on to a lesser known subject, window-kills, which is now his area of expertise. If this phrase sounds unfamiliar that's because it is. To put it simply, upward of one billion birds die every year in the United States from flying into reflective glass windows; birds simply cannot see windows and assume they're not there. While a death like this may not be as picturesque as a duck or gull covered in wretched black oil from a spill like the 2010 BP spill or the Exxon-Valdez one of 1989, the numbers are. The problem is that it gets very little attention from the press and even from other ornithologists. But to Professor Klem it is one of the most important ornithological concerns of the time and it has been largely ignored for decades. Over the years, he has carried out a mountain of research and experimented on the various aspects of window-kills in an attempt to better understand them and get the subject the attention it deserves. Professors to architects from around the world regularly seek out his advice (and benefit, while he doesn't) on building designs to help mitigate the deaths of birds, which are supposed protected by the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act, a law Klem says is not enforced by the government.

One of his most ardent supporters, a newspaper author named Maryalice Yakutchik, says that Klem will probably be dead by the time window-kills get the attention and recognition they deserve.

While his field may be overshadowed in the larger world, his skills in the classroom at the College are not. Becoming a teacher was always important to Dr. Klem. He always thought it was something that would help keep him young and enrich his life. He gives his students personal and focused attention and care that can only come from someone who knows what it's like not to have such a kindness.

Kristen Olsen, a theater major who took Klem's course Biology of Birds, said that the subject matter was, "really interesting" and that Klem is, "a great guy."

It isn't just students that think the highest of Dr. Klem though, it's all those involved in his life, especially his close friend and colleague Peter G. Saenger. Saenger was a freshman birdwatching at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary when he met Dr. Klem in 1979. Neither of them knew that in a few weeks Klem would be teaching his first ornithology class with Peter in it or that, years later, Klem would be the best man at Peter's wedding.

Today they work together on the fourth floor of Shankweiler, no longer chained to a student-teacher relationship. Saenger says Klem is extremely humble, sincere, and honest because "he never takes credit for what he does, he definitely cares and means what he says and he doesn't know how to lie." He soars with the birds in the sky.

The end of another year!

What a year it has been for all of us, I am sure. I've really enjoyed answering your letters; not just this year, but all my time on the *Weekly*. I hope the advice I've given has helped not just the submitter, but all readers. Sometimes all it takes is an outside perspective to help find a solution. When life throws you for a loop, remember that you are not alone. Never feel self-conscious about asking for help and advice.

Alas, my time of writing for the *Weekly* and sharing my help has come to an end. I am graduating, and ready to move on. But I will always remember fondly my time writing responses to letters. Now, I am seeking my replacement for next year. All it takes is a kind heart and a small amount of time per week to help your peers here at 'Berg. I encourage anyone who is interested to contact the *Weekly* at weeklyeditor@gmail.com and get started straight away. Don't worry, you can choose any pseudonym you like.

So my friends, I bid you a fond farewell.

Keep calm and carry on.

All my best,
The Panda Girl

Jason Mraz's fourth album failure

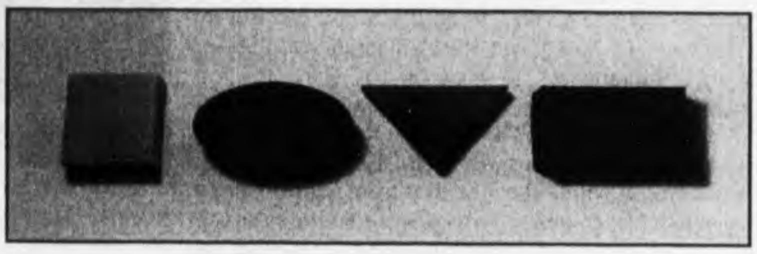
By Amy McGovern
Life Editor

On Apr. 13 Jason Mraz released his fourth studio album *Love Is a Four Letter Word*. The singer songwriter most recognized for his hit single "I'm Yours," combines his typical expressive lyrics with his usual upbeat acoustic guitar riffs to create an album that sounds more like a continuation of his previous releases than a new masterpiece.

The first single off the album was "The World As I See It" released in Sep. 2011. This optimistic track set the tone for the entire album as Mraz sings, "The world as I see it is a remarkable place/ A beautiful house in a forest of stars in outer space." Even more so than his previous releases, Mraz truly exemplifies his vocal ability.

Another key track on the album is "The Freedom Song." Mraz moves away from his comfort zone with his acoustic guitar and combines a horn section with gospel-esque backup vocals to create one of the only memorable songs on the album.

Love Is a Four Letter Word, may not be an outright disappointment, it is merely a mediocre album by an otherwise talented musician.



Love Is a Four Letter Word

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Filling the gaps

By Steph Scott
Life Writer

Max Suitovsky, 20, watched as the woman screamed at the other volunteer driving the truck. She threatened to call the New Orleans police. Then she did. No one came. The volunteer moved the truck as the woman's delicate pink bushes lay suffocating in the mud.

Only a day before, Suitovsky, a communication and history double major, recalled that they had been riding in a motor boat out on the bayou. Fifty Muhlenberg volunteers applied for the alternative spring break, an opportunity to repair a home in New Orleans, but only ten could be supported this year due to funding. The ten student volunteers leaped over the side of the fishing boat, jumping off cliffs and swinging off ropes to crash into the freezing murky water. The boat belonged to Paul Perez, 50, a Katrina survivor who has been working with Muhlenberg students for the last four years. Perez sped the boat up and down the river, passing mansions with lawns manicured to almost golf-worthy perfection. Palm trees and fuchsia flowering trees lined up symmetrical to the doorways. Once the boat tour had finished, the volunteer party moved inside for Thai food and for a presentation. In between bites, a video of a home slowly drowning was shown on Perez's screen. Perez's home. Each year Perez shows his film to Muhlenberg students.

Aaron Bova, 34, a Muhlenberg employee who supervised the trip, says that the film is a reminder for Perez that "for the first time, Perez had to depend on other people" after having lost his home. However, despite the needy times that Perez faced, Perez, unlike other Katrina victims, was able to build a new home. Not everyone in New Orleans is as fortunate.

Perez hosts a dinner each month with volunteers from the Saint Bernard Project, a local parish that has been working since 2006 to help families rebuild. Currently, the volunteer based group has completed 425 homes since the project began and they still have 130 homes on their waiting list.

Houses in New Orleans tend to come in a variety of colors, ranging from amorous azaleas to irresistible irises to fair forget-me-nots. But still 130 homes have not found the funding to bloom yet. Outsiders question why someone would want to rebuild in a place that was so devastated and at such a high risk. Aaron Bova, senior associative director of residential services, countered, "Large portions [of New Orleans] are not below sea-level" but were still affected by the storm. Angela Russell, 24, a volunteer for the Saint Bernard Project, explained that there is a sense of city pride in New Orleans as a reason for why people are so desperate to return. Russell mentioned, "I joke that there's never a line at security at the airport because no one ever leaves." No one wants to leave; coming back home can be harder than one would expect. A major conflict with coming home is that many of the homes that the volunteer group has worked on have been victims of more than just water damage.

Muhlenberg students worked on a home for a grandmother, who remained nameless, who had fallen victim to contractor fraud twice. Bova continued, "She has had five strokes since the hurricane and then one of her family members tried rebuilding her house and, well, the project ran out of money and he ran away." A non-family member contractor yielded similar results. The grandmother first relocated to Austin, Texas, in 2006 after the hurricane. She has not moved since then. Austin is where she has been living for the last six years, but Austin is not her home.

Her home is back in New Orleans in the hands of volunteers. When Emily Taffet, 20, first arrived at the wooden skeleton, she and Bova were assigned to move containers from the first floor to the basement. The basement had been completed but the top half of the house was made of barren planks. The plastic containers held onto the precious trash that only one person ever wants. "There were old 80s posters in there," said Bova, "and even a Jerry Rice poster." Taffet saw a newspaper from 1993 as she hoisted a box downstairs. These were the semi-precious items that couldn't make the move to Austin, but couldn't be thrown out either. Old vinyl records were scattered among the plastic containers, mixed with stained papers, and empty photograph frames. The boxes couldn't be with their owners, they belonged downstairs for now.

Suitovsky and the other boys, who were still outside the house, began hauling the 140 pieces of drywall up a flight of stairs and that's when it happened. The Saint Bernard volunteer could not parallel park. The only place with a solid curb was in front of this woman's house two doors down. Small trees fanned out of pots by her front door. The sidewalk was gnarled and chewed up everywhere else except this one well-manicured portion in the neighborhood. Her one solid, unspoiled slab of concrete was decorated with pink flowers in the small patch of grass in front. The flowers were smothered by black rubber as a volunteer attempted to park. "It was clear that this woman took pride in maintaining her house," Bova said, "then there was someone stomping on it." The woman was almost comical in her flurry of cursing over a misplaced parking job, but she didn't stop. The police would not come to revive her flowers and the volunteer moved and parked several houses down. Suitovsky tried reasoning the woman's vicious reaction to the volunteer, "Well, I can only think that maybe she took offense because she's already lost so much that she wants to have some control over her life." The storm came, surged, and swept homes away; a volunteer came, parked poorly, and ran over a makeshift garden. Accidents.

Accidents. Taffet ran into a few of those as she started setting up boards for where the light fixtures would go. "I measured out my circle from the center of the board to all ends and drew it on. Then I realized it was on the wrong side of the board," Taffet explained. Then she drew the circle on the right side and the board didn't fit in the ceiling properly. Finally, after re-sizing the board, re-measuring the circle, and cutting the circle, the ceiling tile slid into its proper place. After careful measurements, the future light fixtures had homes to fill. It takes effort and time to make something belong again.

The house was no longer a skeleton but a home by the end of the week. All of the drywall was up and the insulation was done, but it would be up to the next set of volunteers to do the detail work. Suitovsky said, "We were outsiders and got the experience but we were able to leave and they couldn't." As the Muhlenberg group left the now dressed-home, Bova noticed that two more pink flowering bushes stood tall in the small garden, covering the gaping hole. But there were some gaping holes that just couldn't be filled with flowers.

Soccer mom, rocker mom: Interview with Stacey Jackson

Interview By Jacob Kupin
Article By Aine Doyle

There are so many things that describe Stacey Jackson, loving mother, doting wife, and rock out performer.

"I always knew that I wanted to be a pop star when I was like ten [or] so back in Montreal," said Jackson over the phone. Her voice was bubbly and excited. Recently she left her home in London to go across the Pond in a US and Canadian tour. Now she balances her career and her being a mom to four kids back in Europe, which she takes very seriously. " I gave him one of those pay as you go phones, told him you can call me any time, text me any time," said Stacey lovingly after her son called during this interview.

Before Stacey Jackson was a pop star, she was worked to television in public relations. There she learned the necessary skills to being noticed. It was those skills that created a buzz for her music project where she took kids from a local charity, "Music for Youth," and hired them to play the instrumentals to her original songs. It was not long until that buzz turned into something more, "So [there] was this DJ that thought, well you know what, he was a kid and he was a musician and had an affiliation with the charity and thought it would be a good idea to remix my one of my songs," said Stacey. Those remixes turned her Motown-meets-rock sound to the next level.

Stacey Jackson

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Her new smash hit, "Live it Up" (feat. Snoop Dogg) is about her late father, and has been heating up the charts in the UK. "I had wrote this song about my father [visiting] me in this dream, and it was very vivid, and it was like he was right there; like I smelt him. I felt him," recalls Stacey, "and he said, 'This is your time, this is your chance. You've always wanted this ever since you were a kid. Now's the time, you have to do this.'" When talking about her age in the dance music scene the forty-three year old woman is thankful for her experiences, "I mean I'm lucky that I have all these influences legitimately under my belt, because I'm older, so having grown up with Motown and having grown up with disco and then having grown up with hard rock, and having you know, I can pull all the influences."

This successful rocker credits one thing to her lifetime of success: her happiness, "I'm definitely successful, because I'm very happy with what I do, and I'm a happy person, and I think that in my life I'm successful. I was a publicist in New York for a long time and singing in a band and I was very happy, I did a lot of charity work and we got a lot of praise especially for Music for Youth."

Keep on the lookout for Stacey Jackson's hit "I am Woman" due to be released this summer and the UK sensation, "Live it Up" due out at the end of the year. Stacey Jackson proves that following your dreams are ageless, and that a wife, mother, and awesome rocker can have it all.

To find out more about Stacey Jackson please visit: http://www.staceyjackson.com/

Women's lacrosse trio named to All-Centennial Conference teams

Stephanie Umbach

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Angela Napoletano

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Kaitlyn McCaffrey

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

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For just the fourth time in program history, a record-tying three Muhlenberg women's lacrosse players earned All-Centennial Conference recognition.

Stephanie Umbach led the way, becoming just the fourth player in CC history to earn first-team honors as a freshman. Senior Angela Napoletano and sophomore Kaitlyn McCaffrey were named to the second team.

Just the seventh first-team selection in school history, Umbach ranked in the top three on the team in goals (3rd), assists (3rd), ground balls (1st), draw controls (1st) and caused turnovers (1st). She leads the conference and ranks 51st in the country (10th amongst freshmen) in caused turnovers per game (1.92) and is 48th nationally (10th amongst freshmen) in draw controls per game (4.92).

She finished the year with 64 draw controls, the second-most in a season in school history, including a single-game record 12 against Swarthmore.

Napoletano earned the first all-conference honors of her career after tying for the team lead with 32 goals and finishing second with 32 draw controls. She currently is ninth in the conference in goals per game. The team co-captain finished her career 16th on the school's all-time scoring list with 114 points and 13th in career goals with 92.

Even while battling early season injuries, McCaffrey continued to make an impact on the Mule defense. Despite missing five games, she still ranked third on the team in caused turnovers (13), fourth in draw controls (23) and fifth in ground balls (21). She would be third in the conference in caused turnovers per game if she had played in enough games to qualifying for the statistical rankings.

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Baseball ends season with win vs. Hopkins

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

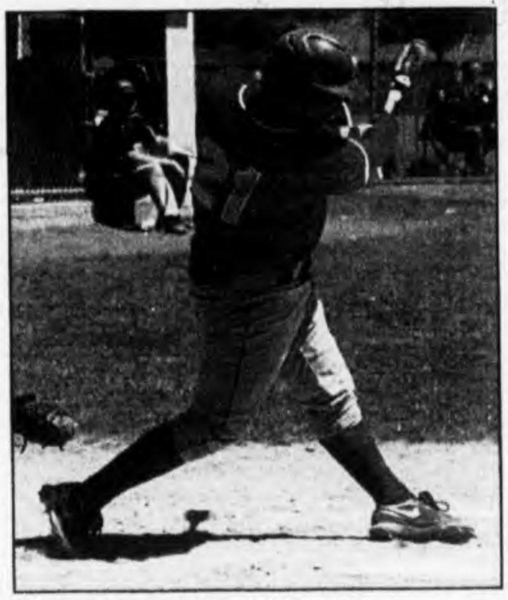
After hitting a game-winning grand slam in what would be the last at-bat of his career, mild-mannered Brian Beck went all wild, yelling and jumping as he high-fived teammates back to the dugout.

"It was a couple of things," said the senior first baseman on the Muhlenberg baseball team. "I was happy to give us a lead. We haven't won in a while. And my mom had never seen me hit a home run. I was pretty happy about that."

The enthusiasm and emotion were understandable on all counts. The slam Mrs. Beck got to see highlighted a seven-run seventh inning that lifted the Mules past regionally ranked Johns Hopkins, 12-7 in the second game of their season-ending doubleheader. The Blue Jays (24-13-2, 13-5) won the opener, 16-8, to clinch the top seed for the Centennial Conference playoffs and extend Muhlenberg's losing streak to 13 games.

But Beck's grand slam, which capped a comeback from a five-run deficit, ensured that the final memory of a difficult season would be a positive one for the Mules (19-21, 3-15).

"This whole year, through all the ups and downs, we really battled," said Beck. "I'm glad we could put it all together today."



Jimmy Aramanda at the plate

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Muhlenberg showed its mettle in the first game, scoring six runs in the bottom of the eighth to cut a 12-2 deficit to 12-8 and force Hopkins to bring in its closer. The Mules eventually got the tying run to the plate, but the Blue Jays put the game away with four runs in the top of the ninth.

Freshman Jimmy Cody went 3-for-5 with a two-run triple in the opener and also saved two runs with a sensational diving catch in centerfield.

Muhlenberg faced a 6-1 hole heading into the bottom of the sixth of Game 2 before beginning its comeback. The first five batters of the inning got hits, bringing in three runs, and freshman Chris Manfredonia brought the Mules to within one by lining a double to right to bring in a run. The hit also extended his school-record hitting streak to 24 games.

Johns Hopkins pushed its lead to 7-5 in the top of the seventh with an inside-the-park home run – one of several unusual plays in the long doubleheader, which also featured a runner getting hit by a batted ball and a batter who hit an apparent double called out on appeal for failing to touch first base.

For personal oddities, though, little could match junior Jimmy Aramanda hitting two triples in one inning. The far-from-fleet catcher led off the bottom of the seventh with his first career three-bagger and scored on a single by freshman Kurt Johnson to make it 7-6.

Two outs later, with the bases loaded, senior Nick Busillo had a terrific last career at-bat that ended with a walk on a 3-2 pitch, bringing in the tying run. Beck, the next batter, hit a towering shot over the fence in right field for his first grand slam since high school.

Aramanda drove in the final run of the big inning with his second triple and finished the game 4-for-5. Junior John Muha and sophomore John Scuderi each had three hits, including a triple, while Johnson and freshman David Anderson contributed to the 20-hit attack with a pair of hits apiece.

But the day belonged to the seniors – Beck, Busillo and relief pitcher Mike Speroni.

"It feels great to end with a win, especially for the seniors," said Aramanda. "All three of them had a positive influence on us, and we're going to miss them next year."

Softball sweeps F&M, but misses playoffs

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

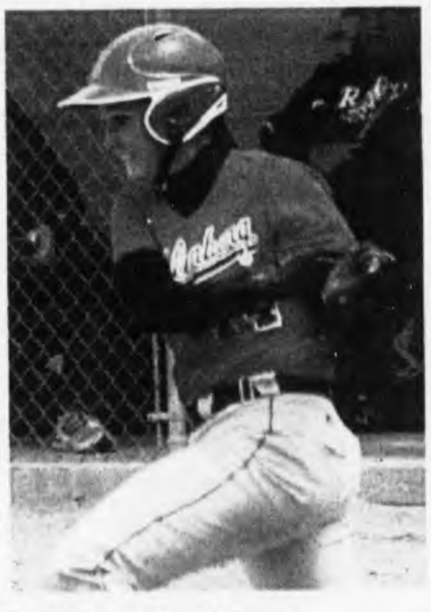
Muhlenberg softball seniors Brittany Blohm and Shelby Smith will end their careers having won the Centennial Conference championship every year they were in the tournament.

Blohm and Smith were integral parts of championship teams in 2009 and 2011. The Mules missed the playoffs in 2010, and they did again in 2012 despite sweeping Franklin & Marshall on Senior Day.

Muhlenberg (19-19, 10-6) entered the day needing two wins and help. The wins came, by scores of 4-0 and 6-5, but the help did not. Splits by Gettysburg and Ursinus with Haverford and Swarthmore, respectively, left the Mules in a three-way tie for third place. In head-to-head play among the three teams, Gettysburg was 3-1, Ursinus 2-2 and Muhlenberg 1-3, leaving the Mules out of the playoffs.

The disappointing out-of-town results put a damper on a day that was otherwise very positive, featuring more records and a between-games ceremony to honor Blohm and Smith in front of a sizable crowd of Muhlenberg softball alums.

Freshman Kelsey Jones pitched a five-hitter for her second career shutout in the opener. She fanned six, setting the school record for strikeouts by a freshman (90).



Shelby Smith mid-swing

Photo courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

The Mules scored all four of their runs in the second inning. Sophomore Colleen O'Donnell started the rally with an opposite-field double, and freshman Alyssa Schell drove in a run with an opposite-field double of her own. The other three runs scored on Diplomats miscues.

After getting blanked in the opening game, F&M (13-20-1, 5-11) scored a run in the first inning of Game 2, but Muhlenberg tied the score in the bottom of the frame on one swing of the bat. Not surprisingly, the swing came from sophomore Kelly Kline, who set a CC record with her 12th home run of the season.

The Mules broke the game open with a five-run fourth, with a "rally" that consisted of four walks (two with the bases loaded), a batter reaching first on a wild pitch after striking out, and finally, a hit – a bases-clearing double by Kline. The three RBI gave Kline 51 for the season, tying the school record set last year.

The Diplomats scored three runs in the fifth to cut the lead to 6-4, but with the bases loaded and two outs, Jones came on in relief to get the final out. She then pitched the final two innings to earn her first career save.

Muhlenberg drew nine walks in the nightcap, with sophomore Chelsea Benjamin receiving three free passes to tie the school record of 25 in a season.

Men's golf finishes sixth at Centennial Conference

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

The Muhlenberg men's golf team's streak of four consecutive top-three finishes at the Centennial Conference Championship came to an end at Blue Ridge Country Club in Harrisburg. The Mules finished sixth in the three-day event; Franklin & Marshall claimed both the team and individual titles.

Senior Zack Meyers closed out his career with his first top-20 finish at the CC Championship. He tied for 19th with sophomore Chris DiMaio, who had Muhlenberg's most consistent tournament, carding consecutive scores of 81, 82 and 82.

Playing in his first career conference championship, senior Jon Heppen came in 27th place. He and Meyers tied for the low round by a Mule in the tournament with 79s in the first and second rounds, respectively.

Women's golf finishes fifth at Centennial Conference

Courtesy of Muhlenberg Athletics

Competing in the team race for the first time in three seasons, the Muhlenberg women's golf team finished fifth at the Centennial Conference Championship. The Mules shaved 11 shots of their score from the first to second round, the second-best improvement in the field. Host Gettysburg won both the team and individual titles.

Freshman Christina Bryde capped her stellar rookie campaign with a team-high 14th-place finish. She was one of just 15 golfers to break 100 in both rounds at Hanover Country Club in Abbottstown, Pa.

Senior Amanda Heiberger finished tied for 22nd, the highest of her career, and sophomore Colleen Caldwell made a 10-shot improvement between rounds one and two.

Weekly through the ages

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Women's Lacrosse team formed; first game yielded to Cedar Crest

by Diane Miller

The 1979 spring athletic season gave birth to a new addition this year: Women's Lacrosse club. The nucleus in forming the club was a couple of veteran players, senior Sharon Hartline and freshman Barb Schaetzle. They sought out girls with experience and encouraged and coached those who had incentive but lacked knowledge and experience of the sport.

The coaches of the team are Pete Wallburg and Scott Kurtz, both members of the Men's Lacrosse team, but out for the season with injuries.

The girls' club scrimmaged Cedar Crest on April 18 in which the team fared very well. On Wednesday, April 25, the girls played their first official game against Cedar Crest, an organized official team. The Mules lost 8-4, but the score does not indicate the skillful athletic prowess and performance executed by the girls. The Muhlenberg offense was rigorous and impressive with their persistent drives to the goal. The offense was sparked by Sharon Hartline at center, who was complemented by her wings, Barb Schaetzle and Dawn Martello. At home positions were Cathy Shumaker, Edie Sanchez, Ginny Schlusser, and speedy Risa Waldman. Goals were scored by Barb Schaetzle, Dawn Martello, and Cathy Shumaker.

The defensive line-up, though greatly lacking in previous experience, was relentless against a driving Cedar Crest offense. Diane Miller played aggressively at point, flanked by Donna DeMaio, Anne Galbraith, Alex Hightower, and Nancy Strelau, who was an important key in removering the ball and hustling it down the field to the Mule offense. Tami Richards tended goal.

There is a game tentatively scheduled with Centenary College for this week, and that should close the season for the girls. But it is the hope of the club that it will gain a broad base of support and experience for the organizational needs next year.

A special note of appreciation should be directed to Wally and Kurtzie for the devotion of their time, effort, and know-how to the girls' club. And perhaps in the very forseeable future we will see Girls' Lacrosse added to the roster of Muhlenberg varsity sports!

Haverford sets the pace.

Sartori and LiGregni excel; division record outstndaing

by Tony Perotte

Ten walks coupled with 5 crucial unearned runs lead the Delaware Valley baseball team to a 7-3 victory over Muhlenberg last Wednesday afternoon.

Muhlenberg jumped to an early 3-0 lead when John Sartori hit an RBI single and two more runs scored on errors in the Delaware Valley field. But this was all the Mules could do as weak hitting, pitching and fielding took over for the rest of the game allowing Delaware Valley to score their seven runs.

Although the defeat now puts the Mules at 9-9 overall and 7-1 divisionally they have not lost their first place standing. With four decisive games left against Moravian and Gettysburg the team will be working their tails off to maintain their top position.

Reflecting on this year's season, the Mules have been playing top notch baseball. Consistent playing by Mike Hiller, Greg Fox, John Sartori and Doug LiGregni has been the key to the Muhlenberg attack. With none of the players leaving next year, Coach Beidleman should again have a strong contending team.

At this point team spirit is high and the players are closely knit. Many of the players feel the team still has a shot at the playoffs.

The Mules next home game is on May 7. against Albright. Come out and support your team.

Good defensive effort by the Mules.

Coach Phillips strengthens team spirit

This year the Muhlenberg College Men's Tennis team is the strongest tennis team that Muhlenberg has had for years. After having a consistent record of losing seasons for the past few years it seems that this year's team has finally broken the losing streak.

However, Franklin and Marshall's tennis team, a team that has been among the top teams in the league, defeated Muhlenberg College's team on April 21. Coach Phillips expected this to be one of the toughest matches that the team would play, and Franklin and Marshall's tennis team did not fail to prove this to the Muhlenberg College Men's tennis team. Although Muhlenberg's team displayed great strength and finesse on the courts, they could not overcome the superb team and lost to Franklin and Marshall, 1-8. Despite their strong opponents, the doubles team of captain Bob Miller and Charlie Lilli pulled through to save Muhlenberg's team from total defeat in this match.

The Muhlenberg College Men's tennis team's spirit was not subdued by this tough loss to Franklin and Marshall. The team returned to home courts to crush their opponents from Lebanon Valley. Muhlenberg's team devastated Lebanon Valley, sweeping them off the courts with a convincing 9-0 victory.

This victory over Lebanon Valley ended the week, leaving the Muhlenberg College Men's tennis team's overall record at 4-3 and their MAC record at 4-2. The team will have played their last match which is against Wilkes on May 2. Coach Phillips is very pleased with the team's performance this year and is looking forward to another good season next year.

The individual MASCAC competition is being held at Gettysburg College this year on May 4 and 5. Bob Miller, who has played excellent tennis in the number one singles position throughout the time he has attended Muhlenberg, will represent Muhlenberg in singles in this competition.

The strenuous workouts that the team has had every day radically improved each of the games and gave us the proper mental attitude in strategic matches. This is the first year since 1973 that the team has been above .500. Now the team knows that they can win in their league. In regards to the future seasons, Coach Phillips said, "I hope that the momentum we've started this season will continue." Captain Bob Miller says that the success of the team is due to Coach Phillips, and "The strenuous workouts that we had every day radically improved each of our games and gave us the proper mental attitude in strategic matches." Good luck in the MASCAC's

Lacrosse loss

by Kathy Knodt

Muhlenberg's Lacrosse squad suffered three resounding defeats to close out the month of April. Those additions to the loss column brings their record to 1-7 with 3 games remaining.

On Wednesday, against a strong Franklin and Marshall squad, the team lost. On the weekend, amidst the fun and frolic of Greek Week, the final home game was played versus Haverford. It saw John Crow score a hattrick and Dave Costa adding two more goals, but to no avail. They were beaten 19-7. Haverford had a strong 4 goals apiece from 2 players and 6 others adding scores. The defense improved in a make-up game against Lebanon Valley on Sunday, but the effort was not enough as the squad went down to defeat 10-5. Kenn Tacchino and John Crow had 2 each and Dave Costa added 1 for the losing Mules.

Tennis defeat

by Diana Powell

Women's tennis continues its losing streak with losses to Lafayette and Cedar Crest. The women lost 0-7 to Lafayette at home on Tuesday, April 24.

Lafayette overwhelmed the Mules in straight sets in every match. First singles, Diana Powell lost to Lafayette's Diane Miller 1-6, 3-6, Ginny Federschmidt, second singles lost 0-6, 1- to Debby Yuhl. Elizabeth Grosse (third singles) and Susan Gussow (fourth singles- did not fare much better, losing with scores of 0-6, 1-6 and 2-6, 2-6, respectively. Fifth singles, Cori Santerian lost her match 2-6, 0-6. Doubles action saw Lynn Fisher and Gail Hayum downed 0-6, 0-6 and second doubles Christie Lyon and Daliza Kristeller losing 1-6, 2-6.

The women did not do much better against Cedar Crest, losing the match 1-6. The only winners were second doubles Daliza Kristeller and Susan Lewis who won in a tie breaker against Holly Haughton and Debbie Stonemetz 7-5. 7-6. Susan Gussow was a Muhlenberg stand-out, losing in a close match to Alison Good, 6-7, 5-7. Third and fourth singles both went to three sets with Elizabeth Grosse losing a tough one to Lauren Gangemi 6-3, 3-6, 7-9 and Cori Santerian losing to Denise Gerhart 5-7, 6-0, 2-6.

The women had two matches rained out last week to Centenary and Drew. Drew is rescheduled at home Thursday, May 3.

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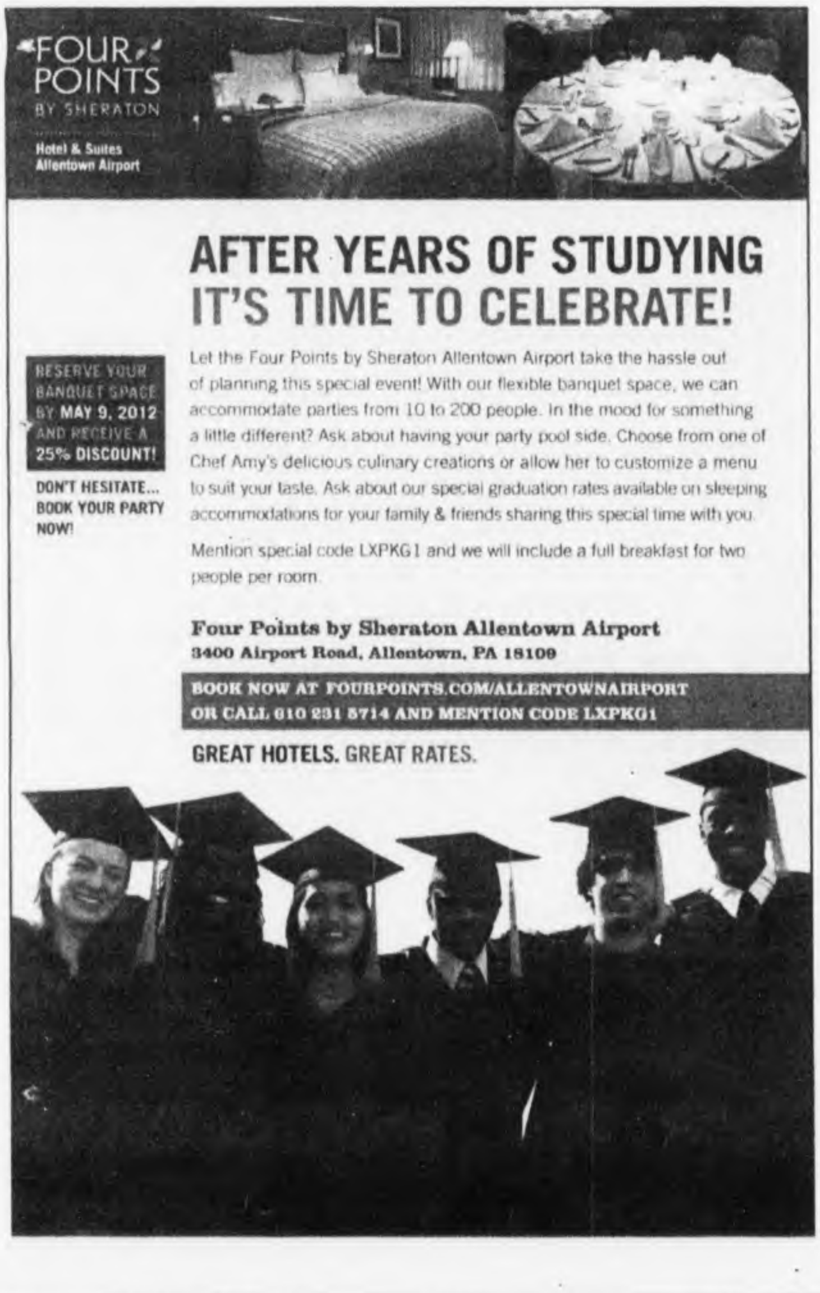

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Men's lacrosse falls on Senior Day

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The Muhlenberg men's lacrosse team closed the curtain on its 2012 season by honoring its seniors, one of whom had a historic night.

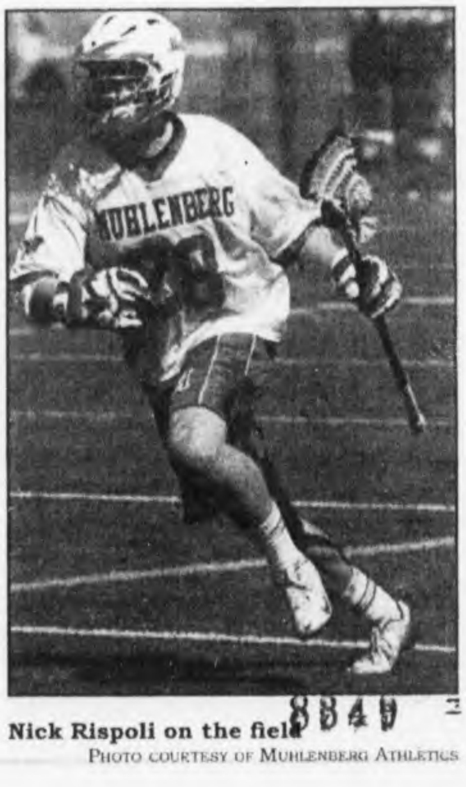
The Mules suffered their 11th straight loss, 14-11 to Haverford, despite an outstanding performance in the X by Nick Rispoli. The senior co-captain went 21-for-26 on faceoffs, breaking the previous school record of 18 faceoff wins in a game. In the process, he became Muhlenberg's all-time leader with 240 career wins. Rispoli also picked up 19 ground balls, shattering the old mark of 14.

The Mules trailed 14-4 early in the fourth quarter before rallying to make things interesting.

They scored the final seven goals of the game for their biggest offensive quarter since netting eight in the first against Moravian in 2010.

The goals came in bunches – three in 52 seconds, two in seven seconds, and two in 12 seconds – many off of Rispoli faceoff wins. But after the final goal, with 3:47 left, the Fords won the ensuing faceoff and ran out the clock.

Jon Thomas scored a career-high four goals in the last game of his freshman season. He finished with 17 goals, the most by a Muhlenberg freshman since 2008.



Nick Rispoli on the field

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